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Stonewalled: US Police Abuse & Misconduct Against GLBT People

"Across the country, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people endure the injustices of discrimination, entrapment and verbal abuse as well as brutal beatings and sexual assault at the hands of those responsible for protecting them - the police," says Dr. William F. Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA, about a new report.

"Stonewalled: Police abuse and misconduct against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the US," is a 150-page report documenting patterns of police abuse, including incidents amounting to torture and ill-treatment. Almost 40 years after Stonewall, targeting gay and lesbian individuals for police abuse and misconduct remains a persistent and widespread problem in the US, the report concludes.

"Some, including transgender individuals, people of color and the young suffer disproportionately, especially when poverty leaves them vulnerable to homelessness and exploitation and less likely to draw public outcry or official scrutiny. It is a sorry state of affairs when the police misuse their power to inflict suffering rather than prevent it," Schulz says.

The report focuses on four cities - Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and San Antonio – and surveys the nation's 50 largest police departments, and Washington, D.C., about policies and practices, and includes information from several hundred interviews and testimonies.

Findings strongly indicate there's a heightened pattern nationwide of misconduct and abuse of transgender individuals and all glbt people of color, young people, immigrants, the homeless and sex workers by police. At times, the mere perception that someone is gay or lesbian provokes physical or verbal attacks. The report also concludes that police mistreatment goes largely unchecked due to underreporting and unclear, under-enforced or non-existent policies and procedures.

Examples of misconduct include: targeted and discriminatory enforcement of statutes against glbt people, including so-called "quality of life" and morals regulations; profiling, particularly of transgender women as sex workers; verbal abuse; inappropriate pat-down and strip searches; failure to protect glbt people in holding cells; inappropriate response or failure to respond to hate crimes or domestic abuse calls; sexual harassment and abuse, including rape; and physical abuse that at times amounts to torture and ill-treatment.

Study participants report:

•Young gay men and advocates in Chicago told AIUSA of a police officer who, according to one man, will "remove his badge, gun and belt and then beat you unless you give him a blowjob, after which he'll just leave you there."

•Police officers accused a Latina transgender woman in San Antonio of stealing. One officer

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Read Amnesty International's groundbreaking new report:

STONE WALLED

POLICE ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT AGAINST LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN THE U.S.

TAKE ACTION

Join Amnesty's campaign to end police violence against LGBT people.
www.amnestyusa.org/outfront

Cooperation Yields Results – Eight glbt organizations shared space in Central Voice's booth at ArtFest 2007. This is the first year gay organizations had a presence at the event which draws 150,000 + visitors. "Amazing how many members of our community attend this event," says PrideFest Unity Parade Chair **Dan Stroup**, left, shown here with Womyn's Chorus volunteer **Yvonne Rothstein.** Stroup and his energetic team raised more than $1,600 for the Parade at the event. Central Voice is delighted to have provided space for Common Roads, PrideFest 2007, PrideFest Unity Parade 2007, Central PA Womyn's Chorus, Harrisburg Men's Chorus, Metropolitan Community Church of The Spirit, and Trans Central.

Time for a New Gay Men's Organization?

If you're attracted by the idea of a more loving, nurturing and caring gay male community, Tom Caruso wants to hear from you. He's interested in forming a central Pennsylvania chapter of Manifest Love in central Pennsylvania.

Manifest Love's is devoted to the credo is "gay men finding new ways of being with and for each other." Founded by gay activist David Nimmons, whose roots are in the New York City gay male community, the organization, according to Caruso, is neither a church, cult, dating service, social organization, support group or marketing ploy.

"It is," Caruso says, "a movement of like-minded gay males who believe there has to be a more loving and kind way to treat and relate to one another other."

Caruso recently attended a three-day workshop about the group at Easton Mountain, NY. Interested men can find out more about Manifest Love at www.manifestlove.org and then contact Caruso at Tominpenn@aol.com. "Let's see what evolves. Celebrate the power of community!" Caruso says.

Manheim Township School Board Pulls Books

Manheim Township pulled books by Maya Angelou and Barbara Kingsolver from its ninth-grade English curriculum next fall in response to parents' complaints about sexual references in the novels, reports the Lancaster Intelligencer. The books are expected to return beginning in 2008, but only after the district holds a public forum with parents to discuss the challenged texts and the entire high school literary canon.

Several parents last fall complained about passages in Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" that describe a sexual assault, superintendent Kevin Singer said. Parents also complained in recent months about sexual references

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Bear Backing

Tired of the Will & Grace overgrown twink thing?

Still looking for an L Word lesbian with 2 extra pounds?

Well, it's a bear market out there these days. Our NYC insiders report that bears are taking over the gayborhoods these days. Big, furry guys are everywhere – in long-running View Bar's "Woof" night to more recent venue additions like Snaxx (and its special event Supersnaxx), and XXL's Transatlantic Tea Dance. There's even a Bear Trek: Bears in the Jungle that launched last April. (bear-trek.com).

"There's a large portion of the gay community – thirties to fifties guys – who feel ignored by the gay mainstream," says the Gay & Lesbian Community Center's Fur Ball promoter Joe Fiore. His first party drew 600 men. "They've flocked to events were they can hang with regular-guy, beer-swilling kind and not be judged." Or have to get buzzed,

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Denise Gibson & Amy Benton Take Over Cornerstone Coffeehouse at Techport

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Jarrett Lucas Interview

2007 Soulforce Equality Ride Visits Messiah College

By Kristen Richards

Last April, Messiah College (MC) opened its doors to a national, bus-touring group of pro-gay activists called 2007 Soulforce Equality Ride (SER). Despite MC's written policy against homosexual behavior, it's one of few Christian colleges to allow SER on campus.

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(From Left to Right) **Jarrett Lucas**, Co-director & **Brandy Daniels**, Spokesperson

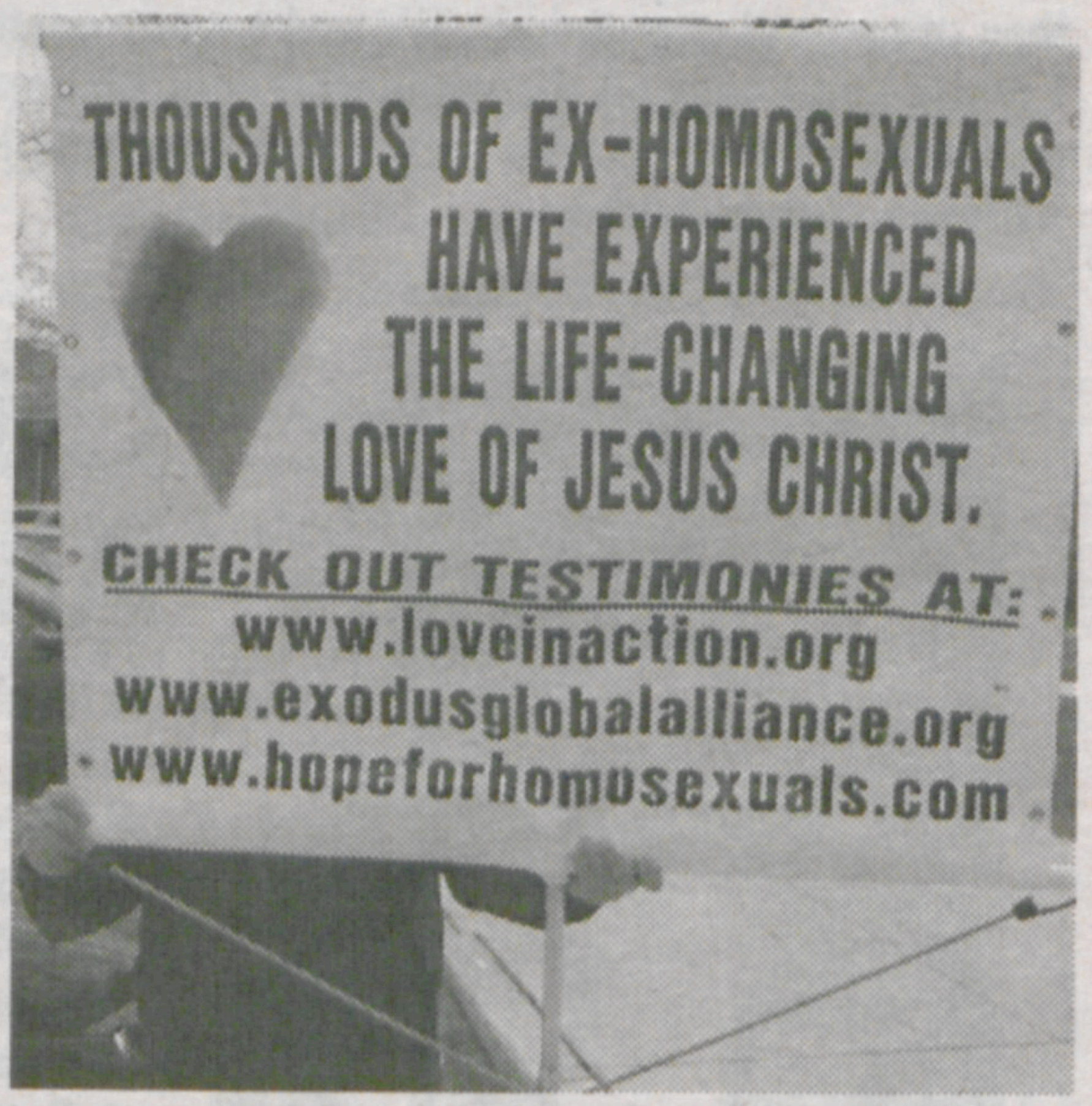
Out of 32 planned visits, so far only four out of 13 Christian colleges and universities during SER's stops have allowed them on campus, says Jarrett Lucas, SEA Co-Director.

According to Beth L. Lorow, MC's assistant PR director, "We see SER's visit as an opportunity to create an educational dialogue. One of our core values is showing Christian hospitality, which includes having a dialogue with people you don't agree with." To facilitate the dialogue, MC graciously greeted SER with morning breakfast and scheduled events throughout the day including panel discussions, inclusive of conversations with faculty, administrators and students.

SER's mission is "freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent mission resistance." Homophobia is inescapable and has no boundaries, Lucas says.

SER's bus tour promotes social justice with a peaceful voice of affirmation while emphasizing the harmful effects of homophobia's false claims that glbt identities are sick and sinful. SER hopes to change countless lives by liberating the oppressed with love and redeeming and resurrecting lost souls and spirits.

This year's tour includes: Baylor University, Bob Jones University, Brigham Young University, Yellowstone Baptist College. All have open policies banning enrollment of glbt students. Web site: www.soulforce.org.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A sign displayed by one opposing organization. (Central Voice is pleased to learn that otherwise unhappy homosexuals and lesbians have found inner peace through Jesus Christ. We simply ask that they not act as though they now know what's best for everyone else on the planet. That would be so small-minded and narcissistic. Stay open to the fact that there are many happy gay Christians, many happy gay non-Christians, and many happy people in general who don't share any of their views.)

Interview with Jarrett Lucas, SEA Co-Director

Kristen Richards: Do you think the Christian Right views homosexuality simply as straight people sinning that haven't found God's path? In other words, do gay Christians exist in their eyes?

Jarret Lucus: The conversation varies, some do, some don't. But where does love go wrong? In essence, you can be gay and Christian.

KR: What advice would you give to a young person at Messiah who is questioning their sexuality or gender?

JL: Be true to yourself, live with integrity.

KR: What would you like to accomplish at Messiah College today?

JL: There seems to be a lack of understanding. We want to create a dialogue and better understanding of homosexuality at Messiah.

KR: Do you think we've reached a tipping point in people's attitudes towards homosexuality?

JL: Yes, standards have been set in some cases. We're finally having conversations about homosexuality that ultimately had to happen.

KR: What was your best and most memorable experience thus far?

JL: Our visit to Mississippi College. It was a dichotomy of good and bad. They took a hard position on our visit but finally gave in. The students responded positively and we had a wonderful turnout.

KR: What was your least desirable visit and the one you would like to forget?

JL: I do not want to forget any of them. But the least desirable was Bob Jones U. BJU would not allow us on campus to speak to the students. I took off for two months, attempting to speak to them.

Gay Activists in Moscow Beaten
Police recently detained gay rights activists, among them European lawmakers, as they tried to present a letter to Moscow's mayor in a demonstration that also attracted a hostile crowd of people who punched and threw eggs at the activists. The letter, signed by some 40 European lawmakers, appealed the city's ban on a march that would have taken place Sunday to mark the 14th anniversary of Russia decriminalizing homosexuality. A total of 31 people were detained and most were later released.

Bear Backing continued

moussed, clipped, waxed, manicured, and basted beforehand.

"The community – if there really is one beyond just being a target market for porn, cruising web sites, T-shirts and vacations – has changed since the 80s," says Brian O'Dell, founder and president of Bear Café NY.

XXL's Transatlantic Tea Dance is Sun. at 11 at element. Supersnaxx is Sun 11 at Cielo.

Chamber Meets - Central PA Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, affiliated with the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, meets regularly to network and socialize. Here **David Forney,** The Hershey Company, left, Dasher, Inc. owner **Marsha Davis**, and **Glenn Cudaback**, a designer with David's Furniture enjoy time together at Pecse Mediterranean Bistro, Eisenhower Blvd. Pecse hosted the event.

Republican Polling Firm Shows 68% Support

Law Would Protect Against Sexual Orientation Bias

State Rep. Dan Frankel, D-Allegheny, last month introduced HB 1400 that would protect people who live or work in Pennsylvania from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in employment, housing or credit.

Pennsylvania's Human Relations Act already bans discrimination based on race, color, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, a non-job related handicap or disability or the use of a guide or support animal due to a person being blind, deaf or having a physical handicap.

"A majority of Americans now live in one of the 20 states that ban employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. Nearly 40 percent of Americans live in one of the 12 states that ban discrimination based on gender identity. It is time for Pennsylvanians to have those same protections," says Frankel, chairman of the Allegheny County Democratic Delegation.

"It is the right thing to do, and for our economy, it would also be the smart thing to do. We are surrounded on three sides by states that ban anti-gay discrimination – Maryland, New Jersey and New York. These states have a competitive advantage over Pennsylvania when it comes to attracting and retaining businesses and residents."

Frankel said the House version of the bill has 70 sponsors, an increase from 57 in the 2005-06 session. The Senate version, SB 761, has 22 sponsors, an increase from 19 in the last session.

"More and more people inside and outside of this building understand that being gay or transgender has nothing to do with your ability to fix a car or computer, to show up on time and to do a good day's work," Frankel said. "It's important to note that this legislation would also protect heterosexual people from being fired based on their sexual orientation or their gender identity or expression. This legislation would protect everyone."

The most recent statewide poll on the subject, taken in 2003 by a Republican polling firm, showed 68 percent support from Pennsylvania voters for legislation like the bill introduced today. More recent national polling also indicates strong support – Gallup's annual poll on gay issues found 89 percent support for the statement: "Homosexuals should have equal rights in terms of job opportunities."

Pittsburgh, Erie County and Philadelphia are among the 14 Pennsylvania communities that ban anti-gay discrimination, but about three-fourths of the state's more than 12 million residents live in communities that do not provide such protection.

Nationwide, 20 states – including neighboring Maryland, New Jersey and New York – already have laws in effect or due to take effect that ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation. Those 20 states are home to a majority of the U.S. population, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Twelve states, including New Jersey, have laws banning job discrimination based on gender identity.

Leadership of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) joined **Tammy Baldwin** (D-WI), NGLCC co-founder and CEO **Chance Mitchell**, NGLCC cofounder and **President Justin Nelson**, and **Representative Barney Frank** (D-MA) for introduction of the Bi-Partisan Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007 (ENDA). "This is a protection against discrimination that has been tried in a number of states, beginning in Wisconsin more than 20 years ago, and it has worked extremely well," said Frank. It is still legal to fire a person based on their sexual orientation in 33 states, and in 42 states it is legal to do so based on gender identity.

Letters to the Editor

Censorship

Dear Editor,

I'm generally with you on most issues, but I respectfully disagree with your opinion that the Human Rights Campaign's mobilization to remove Ann Coulter from the press after she called John Edwards a "faggot" is an act of censorship.

As many-year appointee of HRC in the 17th Congressional District, I believe that HRC's flexing its grassroots political muscle in this case is justified. HRC's mission is mostly straight politics: getting the right people in the right places, ensuring they stay there, working with the voters toward pro-glbt positions - marriage equality, federal funding for HIV/AIDS, discrimination regarding sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and other positions almost assuredly opposed by conservatives. However, a conservative's public display of ignorance, and especially for strictly inflammatory purposes, is something we won't tolerate. No, we're not the language police, but we are trying to create a more hospitable generation, and maybe even a polite society where differences so glaring to conservatives truly do not matter to anyone else. If a sports figure uses such language, he or she is sanctioned. What would your reaction be if you began hearing "faggot" thrown around on the local evening news, or on "Good Morning, America?" It won't happen. And why should we not hold Ann Coulter to the same professional standards?

Sincerely yours,
Dan Kane

***PS** – Thank you for your letter. We appreciate the response. If we followed your advice – and decided we disagreed with your letter – would we be justified in not printing it? Same as you, we're all for a more hospitable and polite society. Silencing those who use language that offends us is not our way of addressing hatred and bigotry. After all, we don't want to be silenced, nor do we think you do, because your words offend someone. We take a different approach while respecting yours. We'd rather ask Miss Coulter: What is it about your life that is so unfulfilling that you can't come up with something better than name calling? Same question we'd ask anyone routinely listening to hate-based or simply juvenile radio jocks: What is it about Radio Potty Mouth and/or I-Hate-Everyone-Different-Than-Me that draws YOU to listen to them? Do YOU like toilet jokes? Why are fag jokes funny to YOU? By that we mean the type of jokes told at a fag's expense (not the same as a homo telling a funny hairdresser joke to another homo). We'd never suggest that because we don't listen to potty mouth radio jock or disagree with anyone's comments that the content be censored. That said, no one should call a female "a nappy- headed ho", not Don Imus or a rap star. Hate is hate. Stupid is stupid. After all, maybe Sigmund Freud was wrong: The pain of others is not the root of all humor. We have a brighter view of humankind.*

Thank you

Dear Editor,

I want to personally thank you for all your help and the donations you make that help our community feel proud.

Peace be with you,
Ron

Green & Gay

Dear Editor,

I really like reading the environmental stories you've been printing in recent issues.

As a female and a lesbian, I have interests beyond my own back yard.

Margie

Ad Pays Off

Dear Editor,

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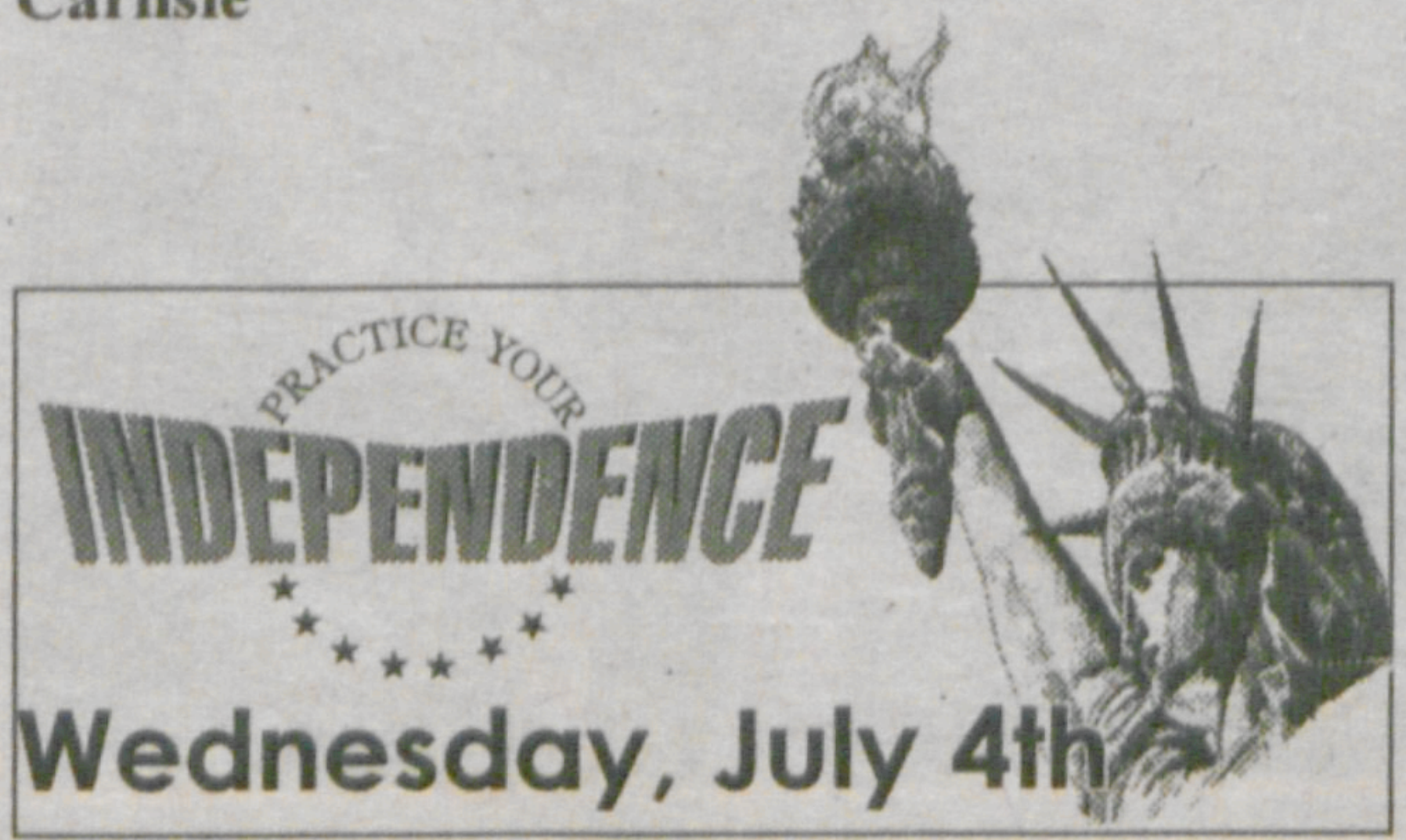
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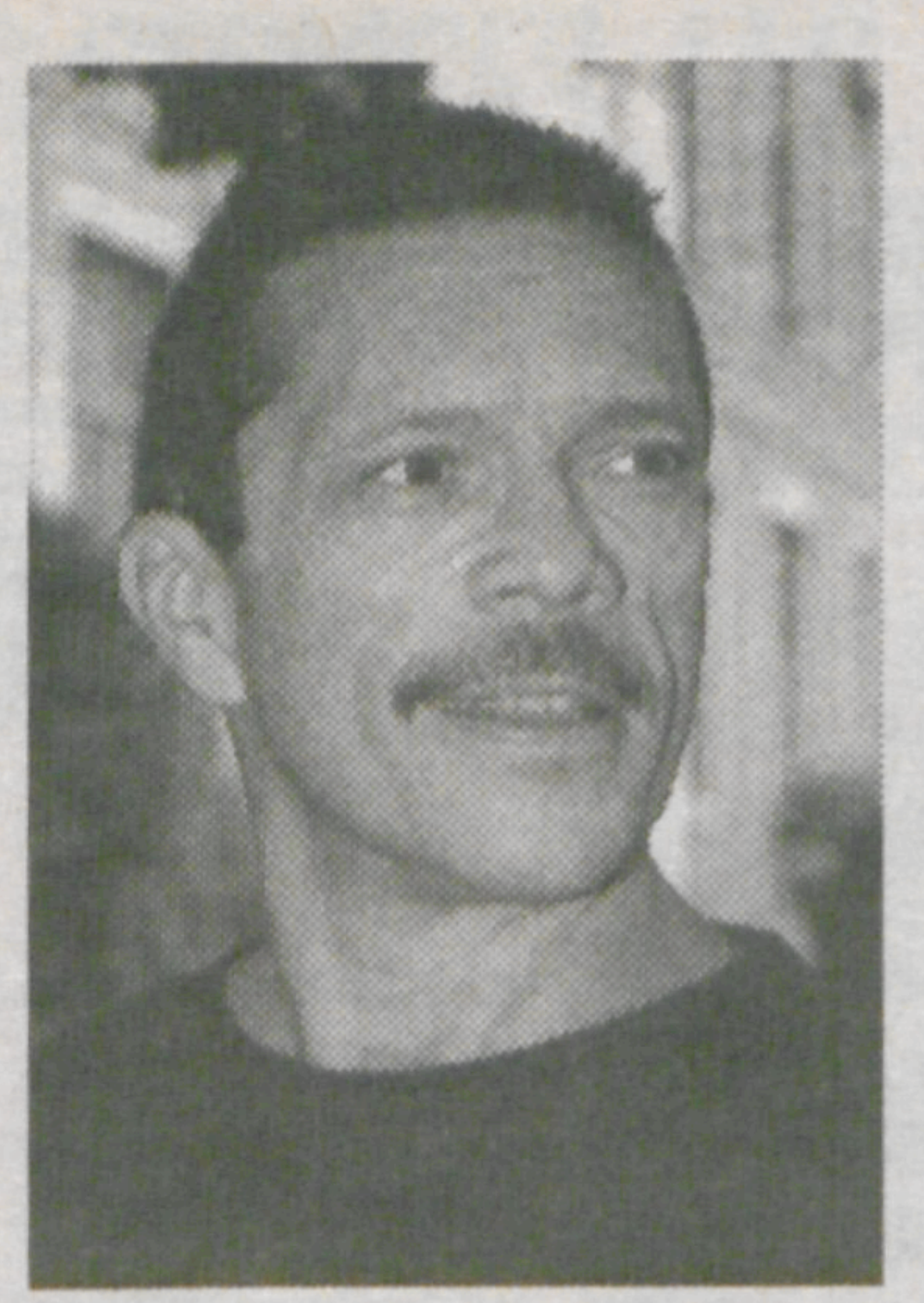
Frank Pizzoli, Publisher

Pride season brings out many folks – queers and their friends and families. I say "queers" in the way that members of minority groups often describe one another by using the pejorative terms of their detractors. Like over a beer when one lesbian jokingly calls her friend a "dyke." Yes, it happens but you already knew that fag. Identity politics is a slippery slope. At certain historical moments, identity politics is needed and legitimate. The problem is how do we decide to move on with our lives? I'd like nothing better than to be judged, assessed, and rewarded by the way I live my life, not by my sexuality or choice of partners. We are all multidimensional people with so much more to our beings than our sexual expressions. We make many contributions for which we can be proud. With this note, I praise and honor all the wonderful contributions queers make to their communities, churches, and professions based on who they are as good and honorable people, not based on their choice of love interests. Happy Pride!

City Confidential: All Dirt, No Filler

By Sophonda Cox

Rudy Duty – Like Ward Cleaver, Rudy Giuliani's tough on the ladies. Apparently, Herbert Hoover's great-granddaughter, Margaret Hoover, whom insiders say was brought onto Rudy's prexy run staff due to her close Karl Rove ties, stomped off. She's the second High Missy Pissy to flee. Earlier this year, Anne Dickerson, former top Bush fundraiser, took the pink slip out of the drawer. She had, detractors say, lost control of Rudy paperwork that ended up in the (NY) Daily News. So there!

Madonna Drama- Seems like the adopting Madge is looking for NYC space. So far, the East 80s and, get this, Chelsea – home of Hollow Homos all in search of a date with one another – are her choices.

LaBelle Not Ringing - Patti LaBelle thinks Idol talent is the work of none at all. Thirty million people watch American Idol, but not our song diva. "Not anymore. It's not that good. The people they let on, they should never let out of their house. They're pitiful! Girl and boy, shut up!"

Waters Fall - Asked if he'll ever get gay-married, John Waters says: “”I am very much in favor of making heterosexual marriage illegal. Then gay marriage would be legal real quick."

VOICE box

"Health care, or lack of it, is a disgrace in this country."

"How can elected leaders, state senators or representatives, have better health care coverage than most of their constituents? They get that top shelf coverage with our tax money."

"All the other fully-developed nations have universal coverage. No middle-man rip off artists called insurance companies."

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> *You cannot demand your rights, civil or otherwise, if you are unwilling to say what you are.* —Merle Miller, Writer

A Reader Writes: Paul Phillips - Don Imus Opened the Can of Worms.

America is full of duplicitous people. Bush says we are fighting to give Iraqis a democracy, like ours, so they can live under free speech. Just don't let the Dixie Chicks use their right to free speech here. I'm glad their latest album won accolades. They may not get played on the country radio channels any more. Just like KD Lang because she likes women! I guess our sexuality isn't a form of free speech. Money is. The US Supreme Court tells us so. Does that mean if I have more money than you do, and spend it on political campaigns, that I have "more" free speech than you do?

Where is mention of that fat cat grand daddy bigot of them all, Rush Limbaugh, in all of this?

Is what Imus said any more damaging than what Ann Coulter said? Or Limbaugh? Or Jerry Falwell (I cannot call him "reverend." Or Dick Cheney or Pat (send cash now) Robertson?

I guess we need to pick and choose which acts of hate offend us and which ones we can allow to slip by our conscience. And the right-wingers call the media liberal. That is a cop-out!

I am not a parent. But if I was, I would not raise my child to hate anyone. No one, including rappers, should call anyone a diminishing name. Each bigot out there – white, black, whatever - is a reflection of his mother and father.

Billions for War, While Our Elderly Suffer

By Marlene Lang

I tracked down the newly released 240-page annual report on the state of Medicare and Social Security this week, for fun.

This is not light reading.

Applying study skills acquired in college, I also found a summary of the report. I thought I might summarize the summary, in the hopes of bringing some useful nugget of analysis to readers.

Here goes: The outlook is dismal, and the president has been warned and is required to act.

The future looks worse for Medicare than it does for Social Security, and trustees of the two programs have issued official warnings to the president and Congress. The dire straits are: "Non-dedicated – that is, general revenues – will soon account for more than 45 percent of Medicare's outlays." This is a measure of how deeply into the hole it is sinking. Such a situation requires, by law, that the president propose and Congress consider "remedial action."

Once Social Security slips out of its present waning surplus, the trustees expect a plummet into deficit conditions as the baby boom generation starts collecting. No news there, either. Only the gaping question: What will we do then? Medicare Hospital Insurance will pay out more this year than it gathers in taxes and other revenue. For the math challenged, that means it will also be functioning in the red.

Don't even ask about prescriptions.

The news is that the trustees are not just asking what we will do as we drop into alarming deficit conditions, and the programs go broke; they are demanding that we do something. "We are increasingly concerned about inaction on the financial challenges facing the Social Security and Medicare programs," they write in their official summary of the report.

Congress and the president meanwhile haggle over the $124 billion in emergency war funding, like it's a tennis match. Democrats and even some Republicans are insisting we can no longer afford this madness, while GOP yes-men accuse the new Democratic Congress of micro-managing the war, and the president flippantly tosses out a promise to veto any action that interferes with his operation.

The nation ages, meanwhile, as poverty hangs over the heads of Americans like a dark cloud. And the present administration takes no action, because, hey: It's not raining yet.

Actually, it is raining. If you are an elderly woman who stayed home with children for any significant portion of your life, not contributing to Social Security, earning low wages when you did work, the forecast is grim. If these women are single in old age, they will likely live in poverty, even as their adult children work three jobs to make their own ends meet.

The report explains that Medicare will fail sooner than Social Security, because health costs are rising faster than wages. But both, if unchanged, are going down.

The president has until the 2009 budget to propose action to Congress. Guess what? Our lame duck will duck out, and those much-praised stay-at-home moms of the last generation will suffer the consequences, along with a lot of other good people.

The very ambitious may read the summary at: http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/TRSUM/trsummary.html

Oily Truth Emerges in Iraq

by Juan Gonzalez

Throughout nearly four years of the daily mayhem and carnage in Iraq, President Bush and his aides in the White House have scoffed at even the slightest suggestion that the U.S. military occupation has anything to do with oil.

The President presumably would have us all believe that if Iraq had the world's second-largest supply of bananas instead of petroleum, American troops would still be there.

Now comes new evidence of the big prize in Iraq that rarely gets mentioned at White House briefings.

A proposed new Iraqi oil and gas law began circulating last week among that country's top government leaders and was quickly leaked to various Internet sites - before it has even been presented to the Iraqi parliament.

Under the proposed law, Iraq's immense oil reserves would not simply be opened to foreign oil exploration, as many had expected. Amazingly, executives from those companies would actually be given seats on a new Federal Oil and Gas Council that would control all of Iraq's reserves.

In other words, Chevron, ExxonMobil, British Petroleum and the other Western oil giants could end up on the board of directors of the Iraqi Federal Oil and Gas Council, while Iraq's own national oil company would become just another competitor.

The new law would grant the council virtually all power to develop policies and plans for undeveloped oil fields and to review and change all exploration and production contracts.

Since most of Iraq's 73 proven petroleum fields have yet to be developed, the new council would instantly become a world energy powerhouse.

"We're talking about trillions of dollars of oil that are at stake," said Raed Jarrar, an independent Iraqi journalist and blogger who obtained an Arabic copy of the draft law and posted an English-language translation on his Web site over the weekend.

Take, for example, the massive Majnoon field in southern Iraq near the Iranian border, which contains an estimated 20 billion barrels. Before Saddam Hussein was toppled by the U.S. invasion in 2003, he had granted a $4 billion contract to French oil giant TotalFinaElf to develop the field.

In the same way, the Iraqi dictator signed contracts with Chinese, Russian, Korean, Italian and Spanish companies to develop 10 other big oil fields once international sanctions against his re-

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No More Bull - Twenty years after ACT UP's inaugural action on Wall Street, hundreds of members and allies March 29 staged an emotional and angry demonstration that surged south from Manhattan's Federal Building to the financial district's statue of a bull, shouting, "No More Bull! Health Care for All." This 20th anniversary action kicked off an intensive campaign for single-payer, universal healthcare that the group intends to take to the 2008 presidential candidates.

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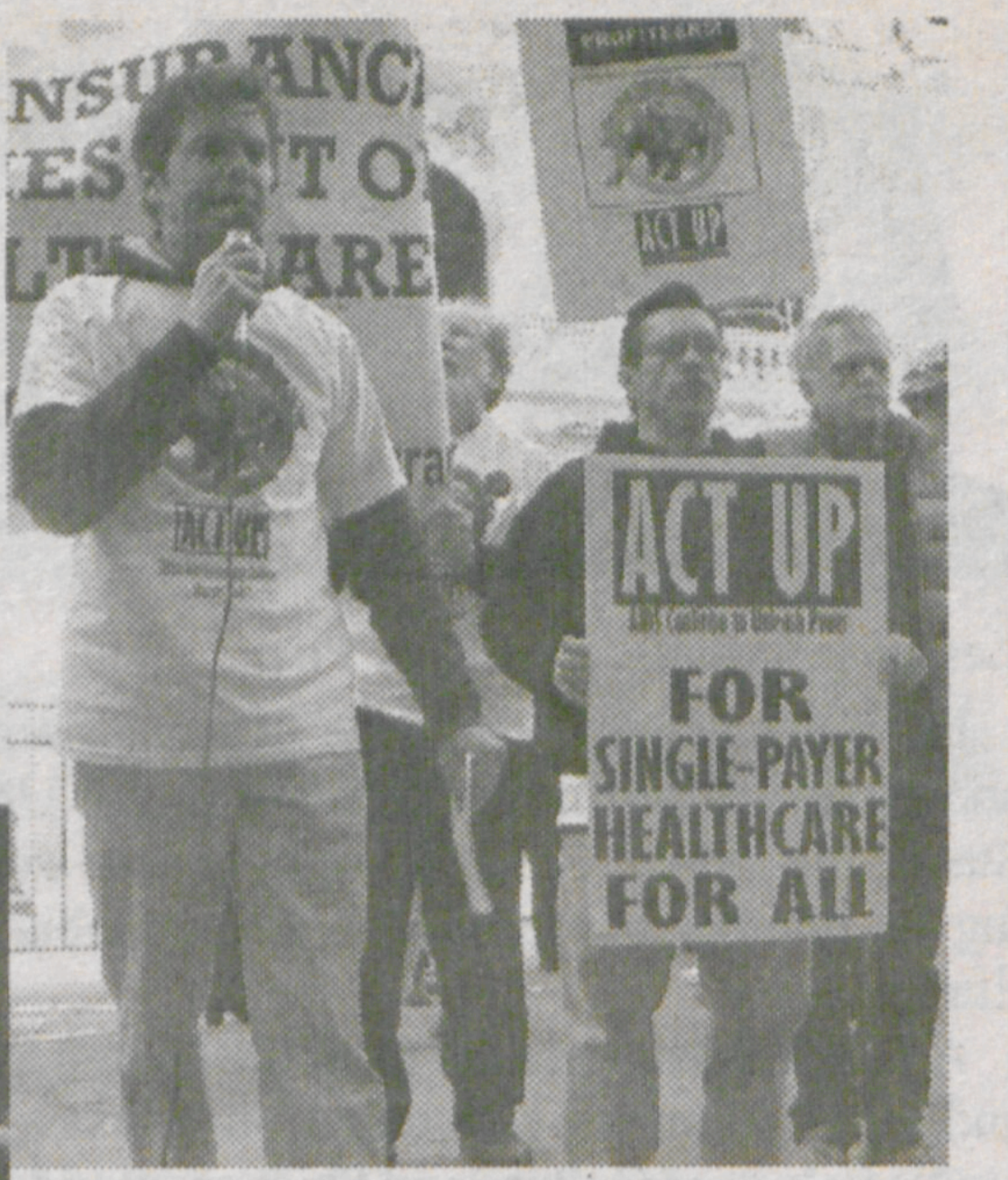

Founding ACT UP member **Mark Milano**. left, and Central Voice founding publisher and editor **Frank Pizzoli**, right, call for universal health care.

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Saving the Planet One Penny at a Time

A shiny copper penny doesn't buy much these days. Except in Pennsylvania.

The state has been offered a plan that uses pennies to build a green economy and to fight global warming. Those same pennies will lessen our dependence on foreign oil.

Every day, news reports show global warming is here. Those same reports enumerate threats to our fossil fuel-powered economy and national security.

Through a key proposal of Governor Ed Rendell's "Energy Independence Strategy," one penny a day from each residential electricity consumer and a bit more from larger users will turn into $850 million. The plan also puts about $0.20 a day back into the household piggy bank.

The strategy covers all the bases of smart energy policy. It boosts energy conservation and renewable energy supply, cuts peak electricity usage and decreases reliance on foreign oil. The plan changes - powerfully and forever - how energy is used and produced in the state. Importantly, the strategy cuts our production of heat-trapping gases causing global warming.

Many of the strategy's renewable energy and energy-conservation programs will be funded by five-one hundredths of a cent per-kilowatt hour charge on electricity bills. Cost to average residential customers is a penny a day. Consumers also get back $0.20 a day in rebates for energy-efficient refrigerators and air conditioners, by voluntarily participating to cut energy use at peak times, and in overall lower electric bills brought about by aggressive energy conservation programs.

The $850 million of funding will be distributed by a mix of grants, loans and rebates to businesses and consumers. Specifically, it provides funding for solar, wind and other renewable power generation, which will replace electricity made by outdated power plants that produce heat trapping gases. It will fund energy conservation, allowing us to use less energy overall. It will help to reduce peak electricity demand and to attract new clean energy companies and jobs. It gives consumers the right to have "smart electricity meters" that would allow them to cut usage voluntarily in peak demand periods and be paid for doing so.

The plan also hopes to bring clean energy companies to the state by attracting private investment and creating good-paying jobs in manufacturing and other economic sectors. This investment is essential to building the green economy - and the race is on to see which state and which nation will win the big prize of these industries and jobs.

If passed by the Pennsylvania legislature, the plan will also increase our domestic security and help fight global warming - two crucial areas where inaction is unimaginable and simply unforgivable. Not bad for a penny a day.

Green at heart

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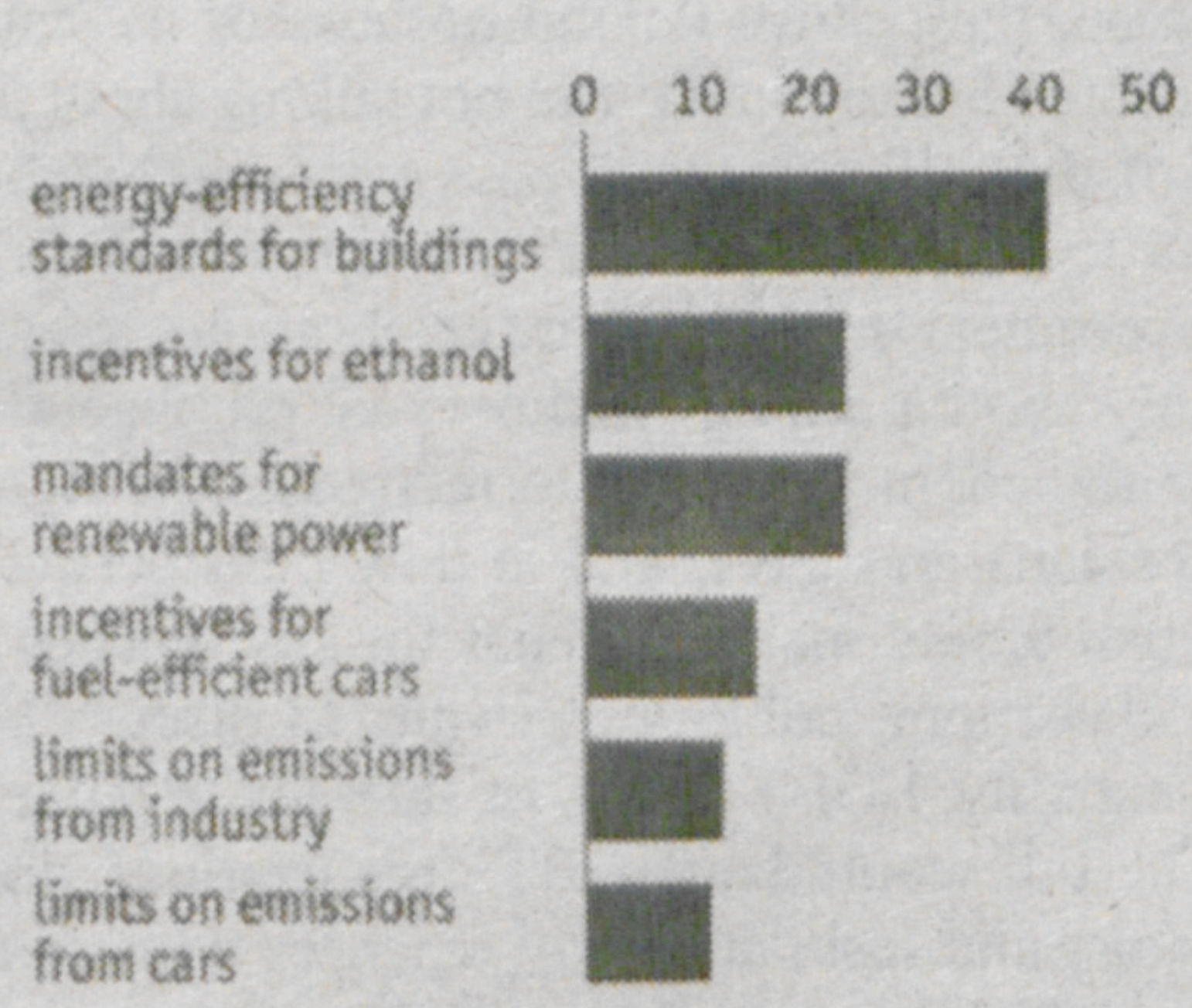
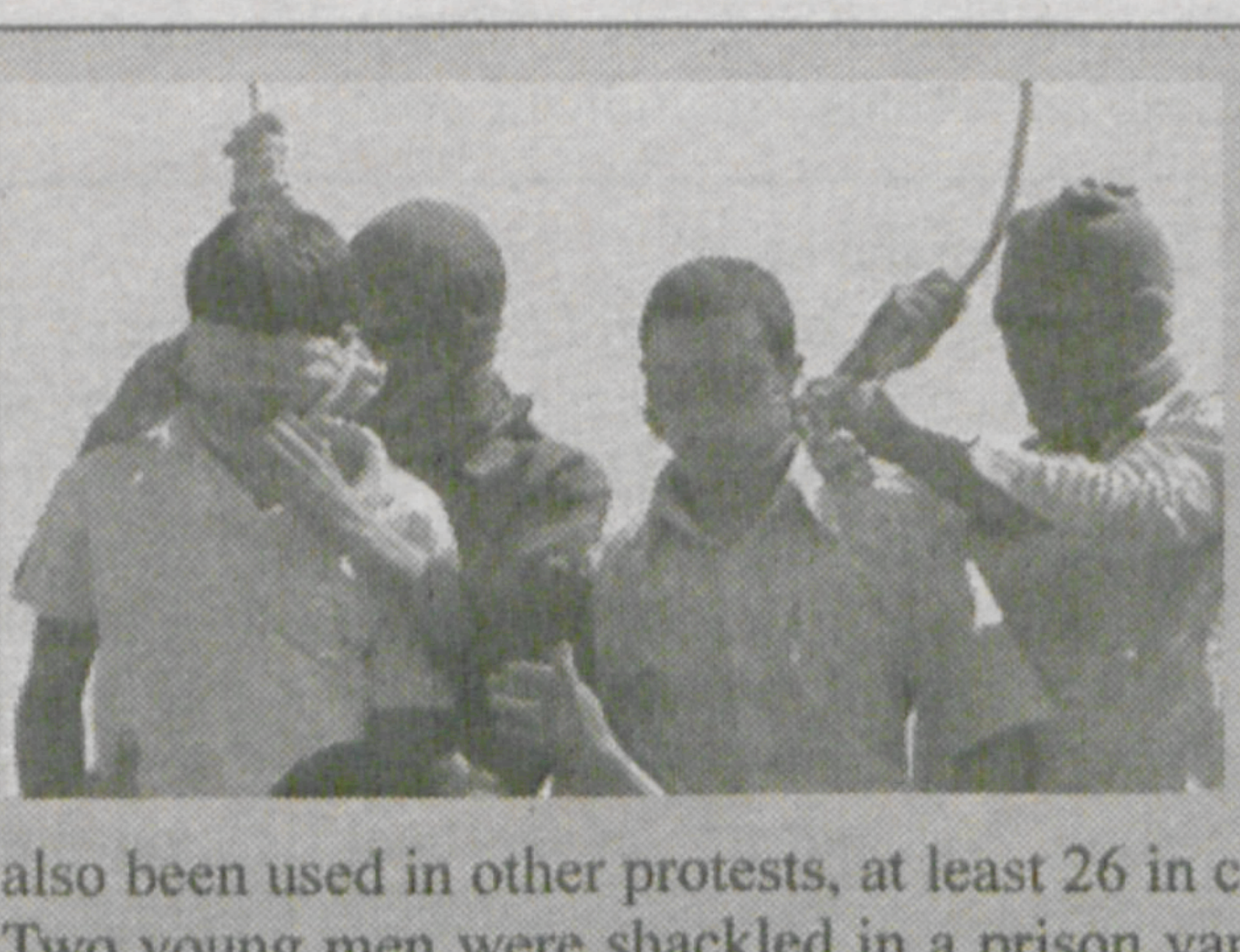


Sources: American Coalition for Ethanol; Alliance to Save Energy; *The Economist*

Iranians Hang Two Gay Teens



Not since they confronted snapshots of a slightly built young man named Matthew Shepard and the fence where he was left for dead in 1998 by two drug-addled no-hopers in Laramie, Wyo., have gay people been so agitated by a set of photographic images. Protesters brought reproductions of the pictures - showing the public execution last year of two Iranian teenage boys, age 16 and 18 - to a rally in Dupont Circle. Images have also been used in other protests, at least 26 in countries around the world, according to bloggers. Two young men were shackled in a prison van, sobbing; one of them is then seen being led to a scaffold; other shots show the boys together with dark-hooded men placing nooses around the boys' necks; and two final images show their bodies hanging from ropes, in a large public square, as a crowd watches from a distance.

Lesbian Notions:

Exporting Hate

Lesbian Notions: by Libby Post

No longer content with the obscene political and monetary profits they realize in the United States, the radical Christian right is now exporting its number one product - homophobia - to Europe.

A few thousand zealots from the United States and other countries converged on Warsaw, Poland's Palace of Culture and Science in mid-May for the World Congress of Families, a gathering that focused on "natural families."

"Natural families"?

Just more spin - another euphemism for degrading LGBT families. These folks only consider assembly-line-produced families using eggs and sperm - introduced to one another through that old heterosexual standby, the missionary position, engaged in by a married, heterosexual couple - to be the real thing when it comes to producing progeny.

How hateful of our kids and our families. But let's face it - hate is all these folks know, even though they couch it all in "Jesus' love."

The usual cast of radical Christian right characters was on hand for this particular love-to-hate fest. James Dobson from Focus on the Family was joined by folks from the American Family Association, Concerned Women for America, the Family Research Council, the Heritage Foundation, and the Discovery Institute, which isn't about designing good, intelligent television programs, but instead about programming youth to believe in intelligent design.

The World Congress was organized by a group I hadn't heard of - the Howard Center for Family, Religion, and Society, whose president, Allan Carlson, declared, "The cultural battle has gone international. The American religious right, instead of being isolationist, has in fact gone global."

Oh, joy.

But what about their destination? Why Poland? Why not Rome, to be near their buddy, the pope? Or Nigeria, where Archbishop Peter Akinola is masterminding a homophobic schism within the Anglican Church?

Nope, they chose Poland because of its state-sponsored homophobia. I'm not talking about the run-of-the-mill "we won't pass a pro-bill gay bill if our lives depended on it" homophobia. This is a government that bans Pride celebrations, speaks openly about purging "homosexual propaganda" from the country, refuses to recognize the rights of lesbians and gays, and is now considering a bill that would make it illegal for any teacher in any classroom, public or private, to discuss homosexuality, LGBT rights, or safe-sex practices,

The bill would bar LGBT organizations from schools, and lesbian or gay teachers who come out would automatically be fired.

This is a government that does nothing to stop skinheads and other nationalistic groups from targeting its LGBT citizens.

This is a government that is tailor-made to be the only elected Western European ally of America's radical Christian right.

So what came out of this love-to-hate fest?

Poland's education minister, Roman Giertych, a leader in the country's right-wing League of Polish Families party - who also happens to be a Deputy Prime Minister - became the politico celebre as he told the group that combating the "propagation of homosexuality" was just "something I have to do." His remarks were echoed by Polish President Lech Kaczynski

Rallying around the homophobic flagpole, World Congress participants cheered at the news that the Polish government would not be cowed by the European Union, which has warned Poland that its antigay policies might cost the country its voting rights.

They listened to U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Ellen Sauerbrey bring greetings from W and thank the Howard Center "for all of their hard work in organizing this wonderful opportunity to celebrate and reflect upon the family and its vital role in society."

No question that the current administration stands firmly alongside homophobic repression.

They heard Ben Bull of the Alliance Defense Fund say, "Marriage will be destroyed by making all relationships equal," and Brigham Young law professor Lynn Wardle chime in with, "Legalizing same-sex marriage will drain marriage of its social meaning."

They also came together to embrace the "natural family manifesto." I think it's kind of funny that a gathering in a former Communist country attended by those who hate Communism would support something called a "manifesto."

But yes, there is a manifesto. It encourages mothers to stay home and have many children. It fervently opposes LGBT people and abortion in a single breath.

"It is not enough to stop public recognition of 'gay marriage,' nor to oppose 'safe-sex education' in the public schools, nor to ban partial-birth abortion, nor to create 'covenant' marriages. Victory for the natural family will come only as we change the terms of the debate."

If changing the terms of debate means the wholesale exporting of hate, they've off to a good start. I just wish folks would stop buying it here in the States.

An endnote of worth: While all this homophobia is defining Poland to the LGBT world, Warsaw Mayor Hanna Gronkiewicz Walz defied the country's president and ultra-right-wing organizations by letting a Pride parade take place in her city on May 19. More than 5,000 marched amid bystanders who waved and were generally supportive.

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Banned Books continued

in Kingsolver's "Animal Dreams," said Larry Penner, a high school English teacher who serves as district language arts consultant.

The complaints have irked school board members, who reviewed a report by Penner Thursday on the district's response to the concerns. "I'm very troubled that out of the millions of books out there, we couldn't find one that doesn't create an uproar," board member James Adams said.

"I think the English department needs to do a much better job of finding books to include in the canon that do not create problems." Adams said the book challenges are the first he's heard in his 12 years on the board.

The district has taught "Animal Dreams" for about seven years, Penner said. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" has been taught for 10 years.

While admitting he has not read "Animal Dreams," Adams said "there are many extreme, left-wing liberal views" in the book that appear to be "inconsistent with the values of this community." A character in the book is kidnapped by the U.S.-supported Nicaraguan Contras, and a small town's water supply is polluted by a mining company. "Animal Dreams" also contains references to American Indian religious beliefs, teenage pregnancy and sexual longing.

TRANSGENDER

By Kristen Richards

Same Sex Marriage Loophole

By Kristen Richards

The failed Federal Marriage Amendment stated, "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman."

In 2006, Alabama voters passed an amendment, banning same-sex marriage. On the same day, an Alabama transgender woman and her female partner legally married. Although, the transgender woman was in transition, had not undergone genital reassignment surgery (GRS) and was legally male. As a result, gay trans people are opting not to change their gender markers on certain legal documents during or after completing transition, taking advantage of a legal loophole pursuant to marrying their same sex partners.

Legal Void and Variances

Laws in each state vary but no precedent exists at the federal level regarding the status of marriages entered into before or during transition. In Pennsylvania, no precedent exists for judges to apply the law and every case is subject to individual interpretation by the judge. They get to decide what is male and female. Many transgender, male to female and female to male (MTF & FTM) transition before or during marriage. But can gay trans persons legally marry their same sex partners and does the marriage remain valid after they have GRS? It depends. In Kansas, Ohio and Texas, rulings state only persons who are XX and XY chromosomes can marry, making it easy for most gay trans people to marry same sex partners. However, changing one's gender marker in those states on legal documents is not permissible. Worse, it's difficult for anyone with Klinefelter' s Syndrome (XXY chromosomes) or Turner's Syndrome (XO chromosomes) to get married. Most states also allow trans people that transitioned to marry a person of the opposite gender, including PA. Pennsylvania allows trans persons to change their birth certificates and other legal documentation to reflect the change.

Challenges

Typically, trans persons marry without encountering problems. But challenges arise during divorce, spousal death, obtaining health benefits or when a third party attempts to claim inheritance, pension benefits or personal property. In certain states, a marriage can be challenged by a third party, despite said party having no interest in the marriage. When they petition the court to review the marriages validity, four outcomes occur: The marriage is valid because it was valid when entered into, the marriage is valid because the state refuses to recognize the gender change, the marriage is invalid because the state recognizes the change in gender or the marriage is valid no matter what surgical or identity change one makes. Transgenderism is grounds for divorce in PA, if the spouse was not informed of the other party's transgenderism before marriage

Medical Complications

Texas doesn't recognize gender change and for Christie Littleton (trans), she felt her husband died from medical malpractice and sought compensation. Texas did not recognize Litteton as female, invalidating her marriage with no right to pursue compensation. Surprisingly, trans women and men and their female and male partners, respectively can legally marry in Texas. GRS is a medical necessity for transsexuals. FTM surgeries (phalloplasty) are very expensive ($40,000-$100,000) and occasionally cause severe medical complications. Insurance companies have denied claims resulting from those corrective surgeries based on transsexualism or gender biases.

For now, a legal loophole exists, allowing gay trans people to marry their same sex partners but is subject to change. For transpersons, gender cannot be defined by chromosomes, tests or genitalia. Sadly, when the validity of a marriage is challenged, certain judges with personal/religious biases or political agendas get to determine a trans person's gender. And those judges ask very personal questions such as; can you sexually satisfy your partner, do you pee standing or sitting, what type of sexual position do you engage in, what is your genitalia. According to Helen Boyd, (who married a trans woman) author of *She's Not The Man I Married & My Husband Betty*, "the interesting thing about all of this is that gay marriage would remove all the ambiguity about the status of our marriage. That's why I have always maintained that "Gay Marriage is Trans Marriage", and to me it is the single most compelling reason that the 'T' belongs in GLBT whenever the association is called into question. In a rare example (in Texas) where two "wrongs" actually do make a "right," when the ban against same sex marriage is combined with the ruling that a trans individual cannot legally change her birth sex, the result is that gay trans people can legally marry their same sex partners.

Whenever a society wants to demonize a particular group, it prohibits them marrying. —Sheila Kuehl, California Assembly Woman

International Gay & Lesbian Screenplay Contest Announced

The "One in Ten Screenplay Contest," a screenplay contest dedicated to the positive portrayal of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, trangender and queer individuals in film, celebrates it's 9th anniversary this year.

Entries are now being accepted online and are limited to the first 250 entries for 2007.

Executive Director, David Jensen says "We are pleased to continue the contest and are amazed with the high caliber screenplays received year after year."

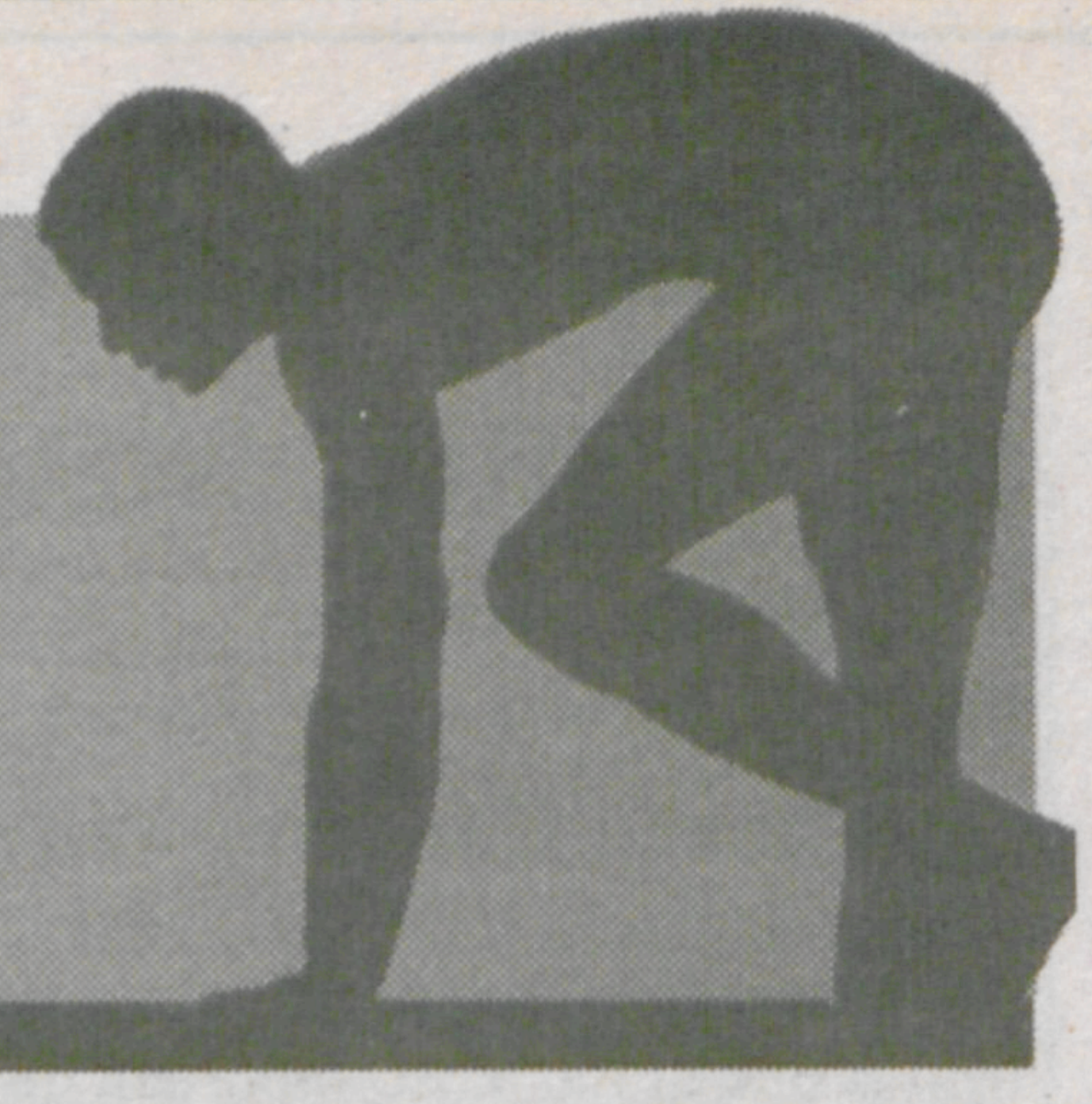
The contest has gained respect and notoriety from Hollywood studios, agents and producers.

Prizes for 2007 include cash, industry exposure and merchandise. The One In Ten Screenplay The contest is sponsored by **Cherub Productions, Final Draft, scr(i)pt magazine, www.inktip.com, and www.sellascript.com.**

Entries for 2007 are being accepted online at: www.OneInTenScreenplayContest.com.

The submission deadline for 2007 is September 1, 2007. Entry forms are available online at www.OneInTenScreenplayContest.com. Entry forms may also be obtained through the mail by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to: Cherub Productions, One In Ten Screenplay Contest, PO Box 540, Boulder, Colorado 80306; (303) 629-3072; Cherubfilm@aol.com.

MEN'S HEALTH



Taking on the Sun & Fun

By Mike Pawlikowski, LA Fitness, Camp Hill

In the heat of summer, we move our workout challenges to outdoor trails, pools, beaches, and parks. Lots of guys take a break from the gym and add variety to their workout locations. Whether biking or hiking, swimming or jogging, be sure to stretch properly and stay adequately hydrated.

Always keep limber by stretching both before and after a workout. Stretching goes hand- in-hand with proper hydration. When combined, the two good habits help you maintain much-needed flexibility and stamina in order to perform your best.

Summer also means it's time to protect our skin from too much ultraviolet light. Respect your body by having a generous supply of sun block on hand. Lessen the effects of sun exposure by wearing light-colored and reflective clothing, sunglasses, a ball cap, bandana, or visor. Each item will help keep you cool and shielded from the glaring sun.

Try to make wearing a sun block a habit when outdoors. Be sure your product is the type that stays on when you sweat. Good skin protection means applying at least a Level 30 (or above) sun block to any exposed parts of the body at least 15 minutes prior to your workout. This allows for the sun block to penetrate and protect your skin at its best.

There are even clip-on mini sun block products that are great on the go, especially when you need to reapply the block after blotting away sweat from your face or limbs. Uneven exposure leaves you vulnerable to getting burnt.

Skin cancer is a serious threat and not taking the proper precautions is only asking for trouble. Don't forget the lip balm. Your lips need protection too.

Summer road safety is important too.

Please be aware of your surroundings. Great summer weather brings out hot joggers and humpy bikers who share our roadways. Wearing reflective gear is essential to being seen in predawn and at dusk in order to remain visible to oncoming traffic. Also, be certain of the terrain you're traversing. Serious injuries can occur with a simple twist of an ankle in an unseen rut in the road.

Lastly, summer means picnics and cookouts. Instead of feeling like the pig on the spit, try eating more fruits than the chips and go "light" on the alcohol. Your body will thank you with less cramping and dehydration due to the alcohol·and excessive toxins that you'll struggle to purge.

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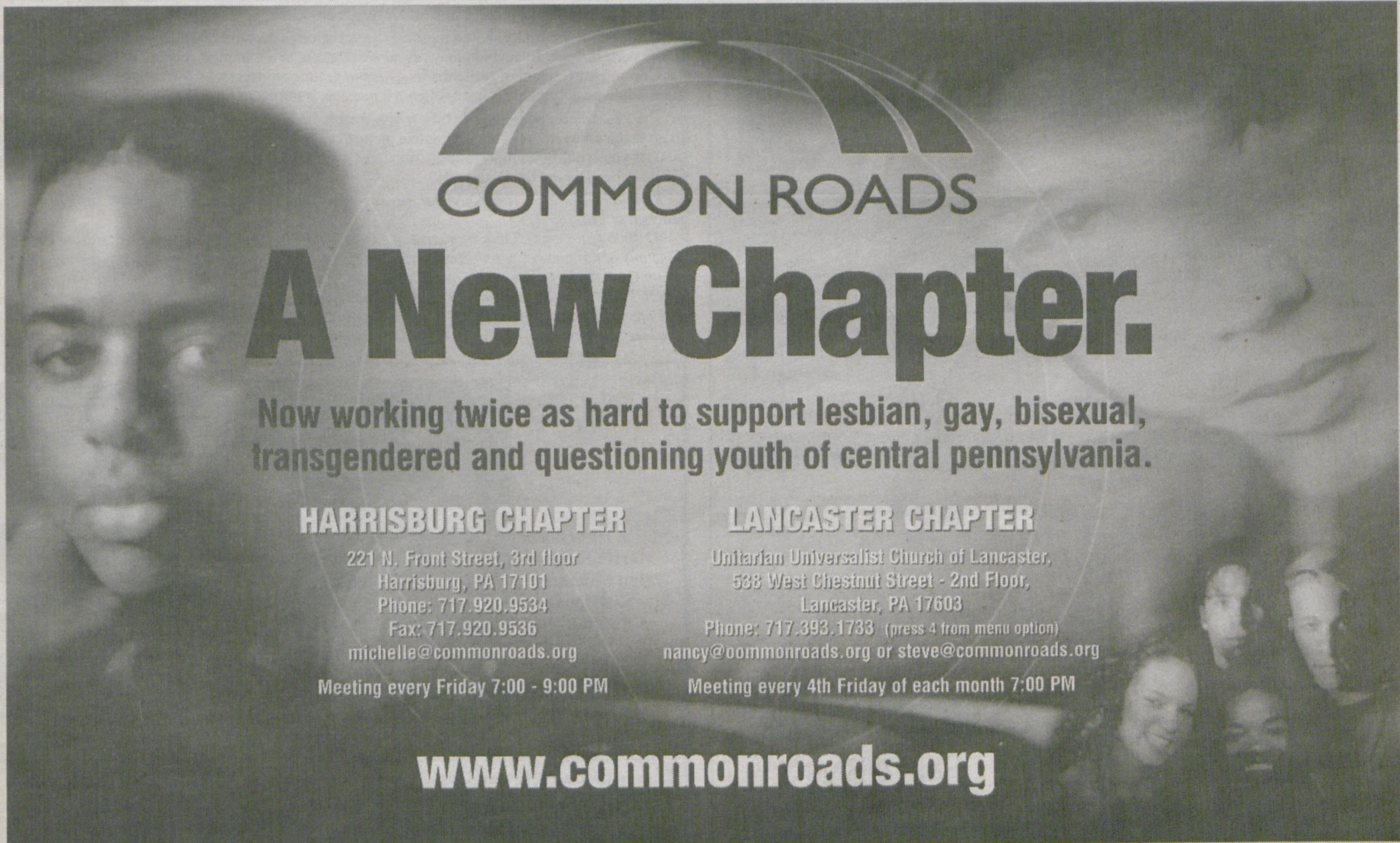

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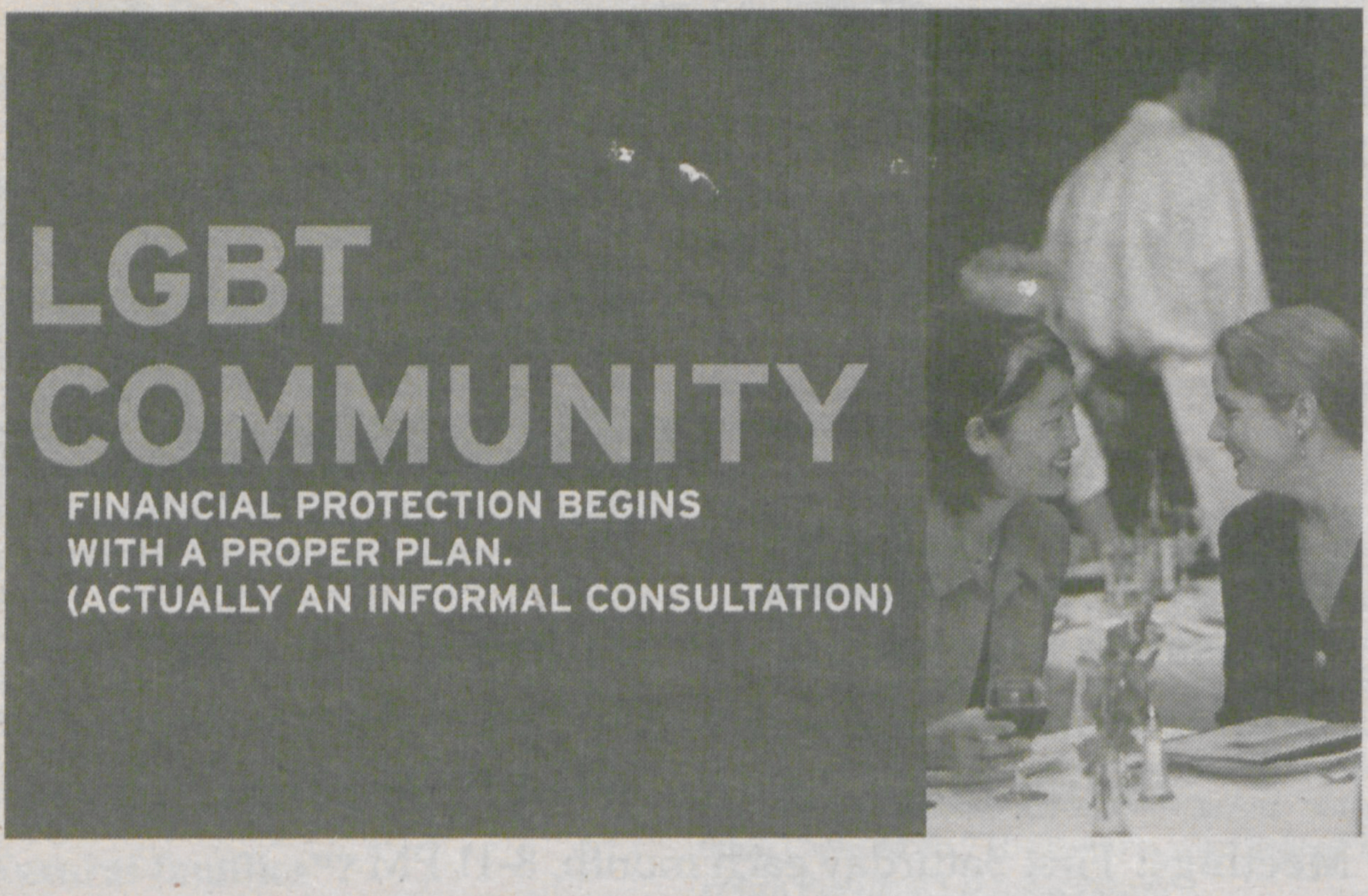
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What to Consider When Evaluating an Asset Management Firm

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What to Consider When Evaluating an Asset Management Firm

If you are like many busy investors, you may lack the time needed to identify the asset managers that best meet your specific financial needs. On the other hand, selecting an appropriate investment firm is one of the most important decisions you can make – one that can have an enormous impact on your long-term financial goals.

When selecting an asset management firm, it is prudent to examine a number of important factors, and not simply rely on past performance. Investors should consider a firm's overall investment philosophy, buy and sell disciplines and the experience and qualifications of key investment personnel, among other important criteria.

The following key points may be useful to remember when selecting a management firm.

Key Qualitative Criteria

•**Personnel**. The education, credentials, and experience of a firm's investment professionals should be carefully evaluated. Who are the key members of the firm's investment committee? How long have they worked together? An inexperienced team, or one that has undergone frequent changes, may be unable to meet the challenges of a volatile investment climate.

•**Investment Process.** Investment firms should have a defined process for selecting stocks or other securities for your portfolio. This should include diversification guidelines and review procedures, and may include specific sector or industry constraints. A close examination of a firm's process may reveal weaknesses that could damage portfolio performance.

•**Implementation.** Investment managers should have a plan that assigns qualified personnel to specific tasks, delegates duties appropriately and ensures adequate supervision. Examining the implementation of a firm's investment process can help investors discover flaws that could lead to inferior portfolio construction.

•**Research Capabilities.** Is the firm able to produce original investment ideas? Or, does it simply aggregate quantitative data from other sources? A firm's research capabilities and the quality of its research output is an important component of investment decisions.

•**Business Evaluation.** A firm's commercial viability and its success over time should also be measured. Relevant factors include incentives for key personnel, the firm's ownership and capital base and its client servicing capabilities. This evaluation may reveal factors that could lead to the departure of key staff.

Key Quantitative Criteria

•**Quality of Composite.** Most investment firms use composites – a collection of representative accounts – when reporting performance results. Investors should consider the number of accounts covered by the composite, the length of time before new accounts are included, how returns are weighted and other factors. Generally, investors should try to determine if the composite accurately reflects the performance of a firm's current staff and research process.

•**Dispersion.** Investors should measure the variation in account returns relative to the firm's composite performance. Evaluation may reveal weaknesses in the implementation of the investment process, or unfair treatment of particular investors or groups of investors. However, a high degree of variation might be acceptable if it stems from a manager's efforts to meet the needs of different clients.

The key criteria addressed in this article may help you evaluate investment managers, but even these factors may not provide a complete picture of an investment management firm and its capabilities. If you would like more information, call for a copy of the Smith Barney Consulting Group's White Paper, Behind the Diamonds.

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From left: **Gloria Martin Roberts, Dan Miller, and Kia Hansard. Susan Brown Wilson was not present, busy with other pressing duties.**

Bucking Harrisburg Mayor Stephen Reed, Harrisburg City Council member Dan Miller recently endorsed his own slate of candidates. During his endorsement Miller said: "Since being elected to office, my single most surprising experience has been the Mayor's complete unwillingness to work or even communicate with Council.

Rainbow Market Report

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AT&T Corp.	T	41.50	26.35	41.34	×
Borders Group Inc.	BGP	24.19	16.20	22.29	×
Daimler Chrysler Corp.	DCX	92.25	45.98	91.48	
Dell Inc.	DELL	28.04	18.95	26.91	×
Estee Lauder Companies	EL	52.31	34.88	47.30	×
Ford Motor Co.	F	9.48	6.06	8.34	×
Gap Inc.	GPS	21.39	15.91	18.52	×
General Mills Inc.	GIS	61.52	49.27	61.24	×
Intel Corp.	INTC	23.14	16.75	22.18	×
International Business Machines Corp.	IBM	108.05	72.73	106.60	×
Intuit Inc.	INTU	35.98	25.62	30.50	
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	69.41	58.97	63.27	×
Kraft Foods Inc.	KFT	36.67	29.50	33.84	
MetLife	MET	69.35	48.66	68.00	×
Microsoft Corp.	MSFT	31.48	21.46	30.69	×
Molson Coors Brewing Company	TAP	99.24	64.25	91.57	×
New York Times Co.	NYT	26.90	21.54	25.11	
Nike Inc.	NKE	57.58	37.76	56.75	×
PepsiCo Inc.	PEP	69.64	58.55	68.33	×
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Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc.	TM	138.00	94.52	120.76	
Viacom Inc.	VIA	45.03	32.42	44.95	×
Walgreens Co.	WAG	51.60	39.91	45.13	×
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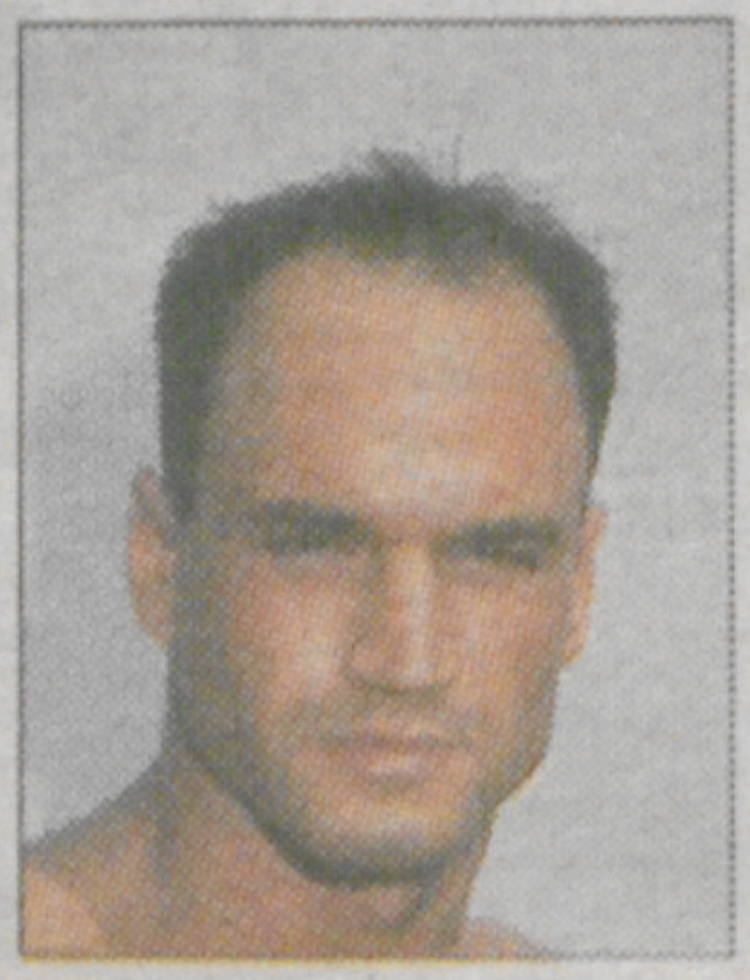

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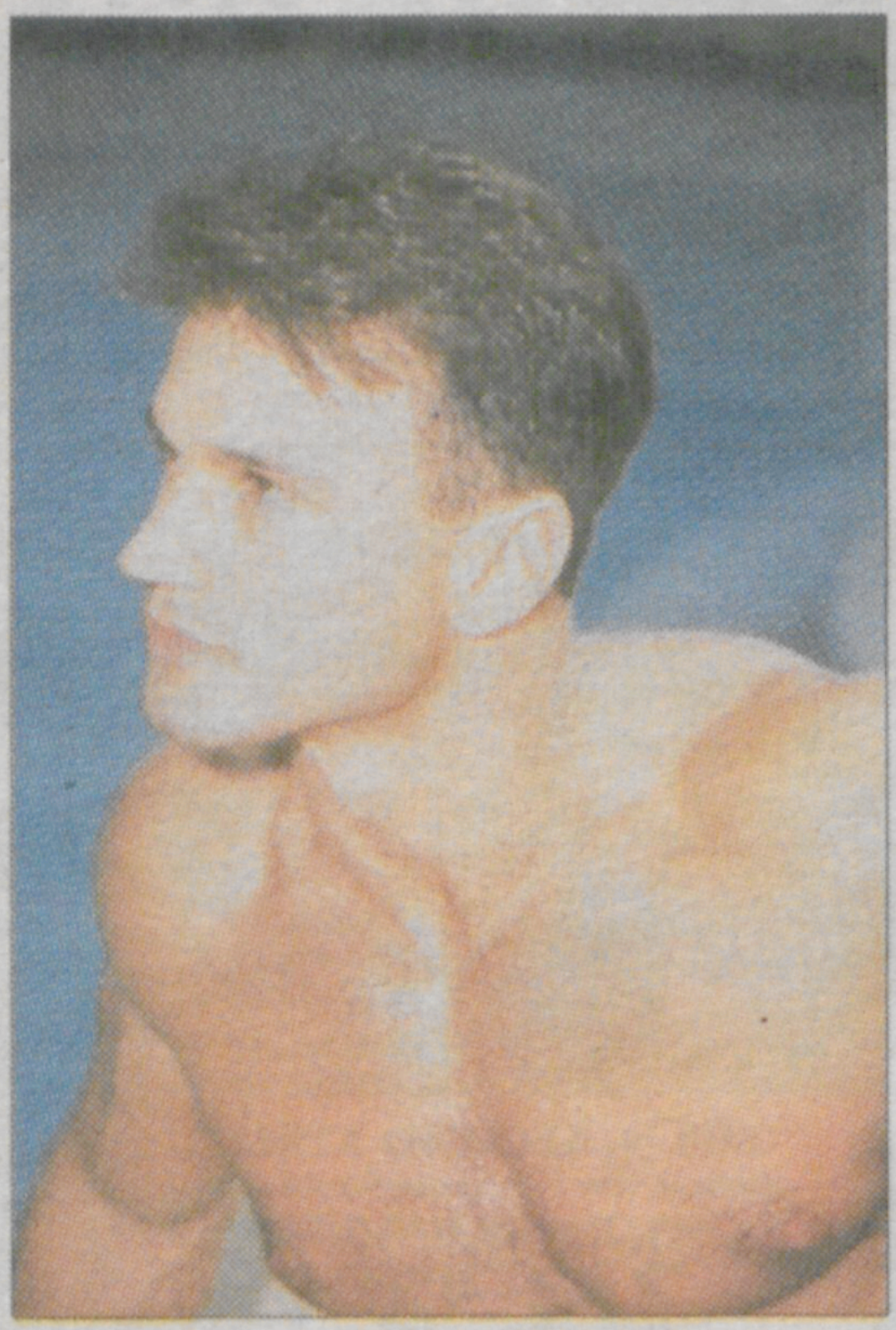

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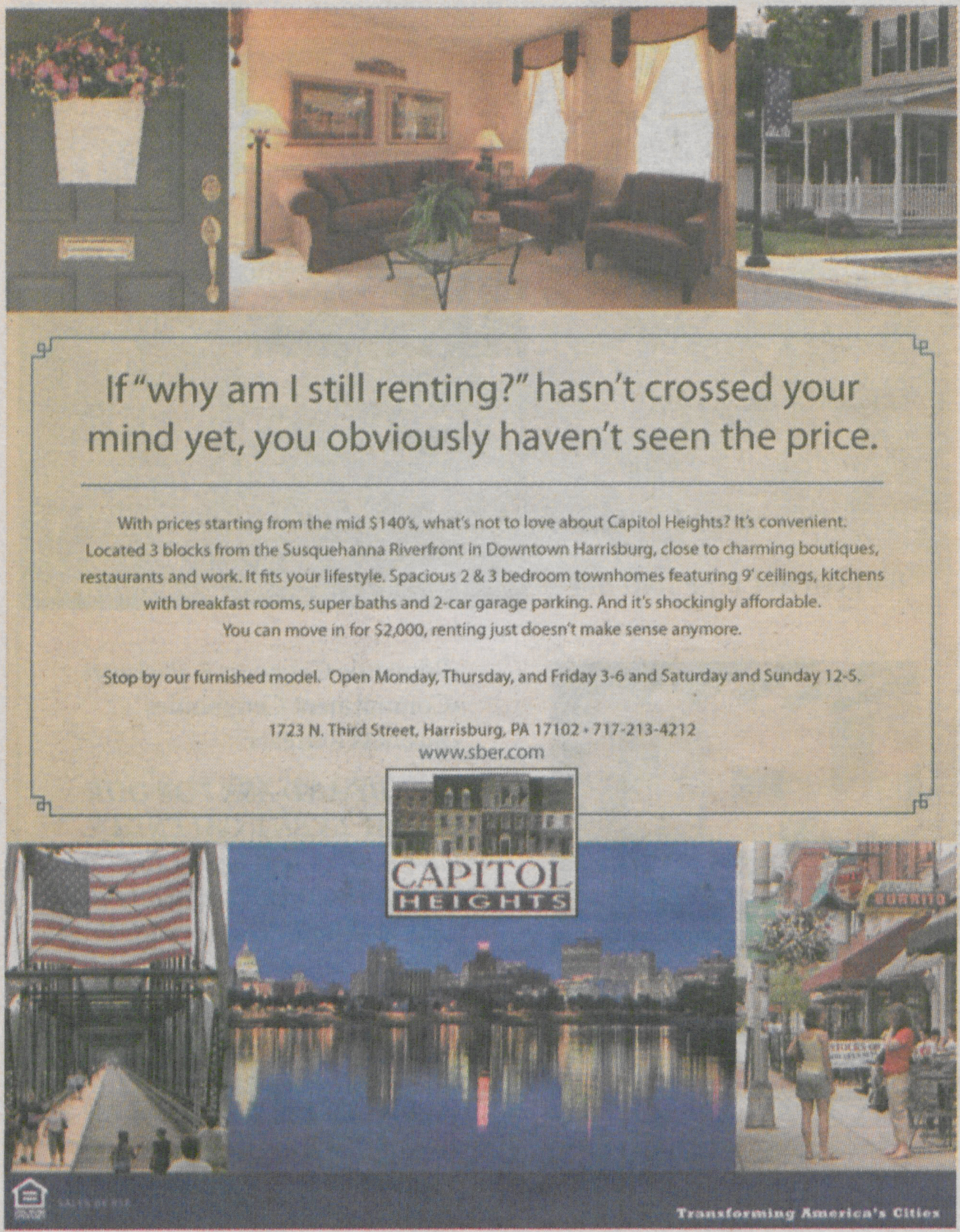
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Spirituality

Make Pride Your Responsibility

by Terry Drew Karanen

Sometimes gay pride events can be the farthest thing away from anything even remotely spiritual. Separating spirituality from human beings is like trying to severe a limb. We are spiritual beings having a human experience. Everything we think, say, and do has a spiritual consequence. How we love, live, think and act are important experiences for us as individuals and as a community.

During Pride time of the year, we are more aware of our status in society. We can act to improve our standing by taking responsibility for all areas of our lives, rather than point the finger at the people and organizations normally blamed for our misfortunes. This is a tall order and not an easy one, for it is far easier to blame others than to take an action.

Online hookups are one place we can take responsibility.

For example, many of us have encountered "AOL® inches" versus reality. If we misrepresent our physical characteristics online, most our prospective admirers will suffer disappointment. What if disregard for truth in advertising extends to HIV status or other STDs? We all have the responsibility to be honest about our own HIV and STD status. We all have the responsibility to ask our prospective partners about their health status rather than assuming what is convenient for us to think. People with HIV or any STD can have great sex. Sex that is just as hot as people without infections – that's not the issue here. The issue is our willingness to be open and honest with our partners, which allows them to make educated decisions about intimacy.

This brings us back to how we deal with conflict and injustice in our lives. It is far easier to be *against* one thing than for something else. It has been said that if we are not part of the solution, then we are part of the problem. None of us want to see or experience injustice. Angry outbursts give our frustration, our sadness and our despair an outlet of expression, but often this does little to change the situation. Whining for God, the government or someone else to fix our problems has no place in a life of empowerment, accomplishment and satisfaction. Protesting without also offering solutions is little more than victimization without change. We are victimizing ourselves when do not take positive action to change situations.

A more effective way to enact change is to be *for* something instead of against its opposite. Take the plight of glbt teenagers. We can hurl angry words at parents who are intolerant or at fundamentalists who advocate behavioral modification, but neither of those actions is much help to kids who have just been thrown out of their houses because they professed love for a person of the same sex. Conversely, getting involved with an organization devoted to helping gay teens, like Common Roads, a local program, helps create change in the lives of others. Being "for" gay teenagers instead of being "against" his parents and society directly impacts children in recognizable and immediate ways.

Have pride this day and this year in all you do!

Know you can make a difference in your own life just by changing the way you view your situation, others and the world. The changes you see in yourself will be reflected in the world around you.

Terry Drew Karanen is an ordained, interfaith minister holding a Doctor of Divinity degree from the American Institute of Holistic Theology.

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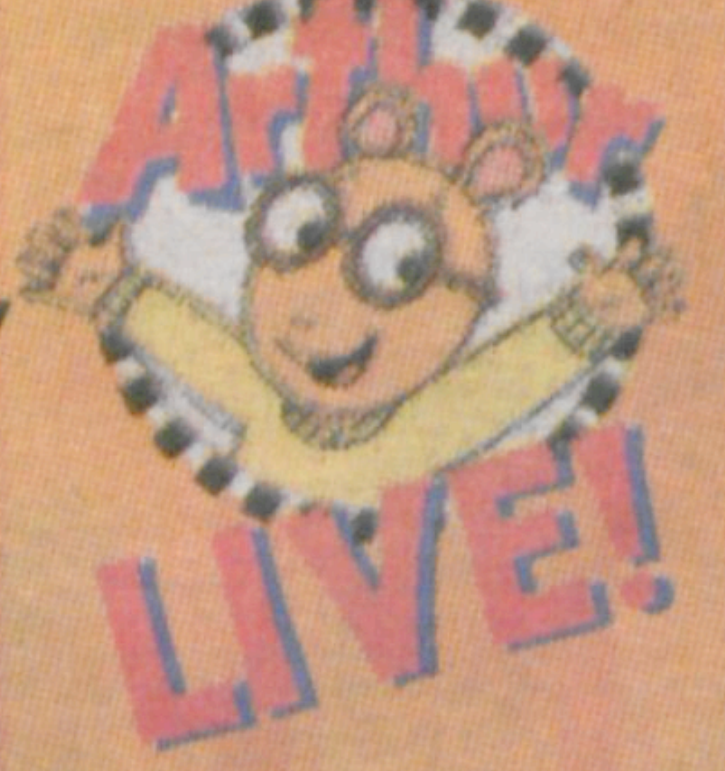

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Friday, November 2
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Saturday, November 24
3:00 p.m.

Nebraska Theatre Caravan in A Christmas Carol
Tuesday, December 4
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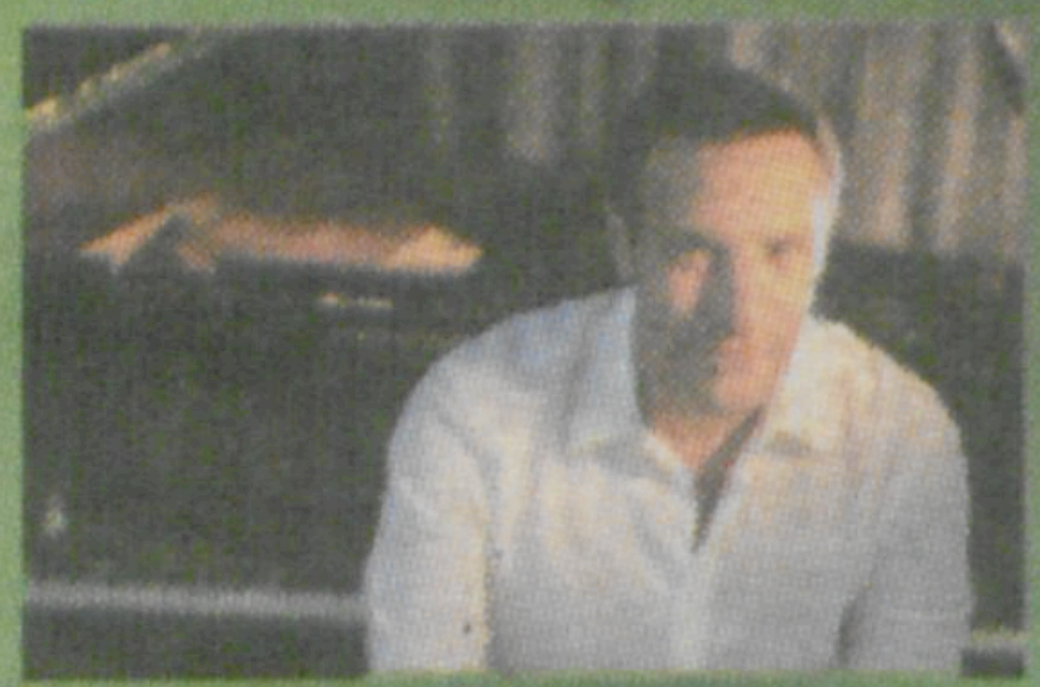

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The Blind Boys of Alabama Go Tell It on the Mountain
Tuesday,
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Thursday,
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The War Bonds: Songs and Letters of WW2
Monday, December 31
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Friday, January 18
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Wednesday,
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Partial listing:

Tues., Sept. 25 7:30PM
Annie

The timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie is back, giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope. Boasting one of Broadway's most memorable scores – celebrating 30 years! *(Signing provided for the hearing impaired.)*

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Wed., Oct. 24 7:30PM
Gypsy

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Sat., Oct. 27 7:30PM *Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood*

The popular stars of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* return after two sold-out performances in 2004 to present another evening of extraordinary improv comedy. Colin and Brad will take contributions from the audience to create hilarious and original scenes.

Sun. Oct. 28 7:30PM *Clint Black*

A multiple award-winner and hit-maker over and over, Clint Black's unflagging energy, professionalism, magnetism and friendliness have kept him on top of the country charts and in fans'hearts for years on end.

Eternity Players Present "Ragtime, the Musical"

Almost 100 teens and young adults are calling The Greater Harrisburg Youth For Christ home this summer as they prepare for the 14th Annual Summer Broadway Musical. The Eternity Players, under the direction of Jessica Burger, will present "Ragtime, The Musical" at 7PM on July 13, 14, 20, and 21 and at 2:30PM on July 15 and 22.

"Ragtime", with book by Terrence McNally, music by Stephen Flaherty, and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, received 12 Tony Award Nominations in 1998. It is the story about life in America at the beginning of the 20th century. The show illustrates poignant issues of the day – from immigration, racism and politics to industrialization and social upheaval. Historical figures intermingle with fictional characters. The plot focuses on three families: one upper-middle class, white Anglo-Saxon Protestant; one Socialist immigrant Jewish; and one Harlem Black whose intersecting lives are influenced by the Ragtime era's social challenges.

Both reserved and general admission tickets are available by calling Youth For Christ at 939-9333 or online at www.EternityPlayers.org. Group Discounts are also available by telephone.

The Greater Harrisburg Youth for Christ is located at 1000 South Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA, one quarter mile north of the Turnpike Administration Building.

"Musical Jump Starts The 2007 Totem Pole Season!"

"Back by popular demand" is a phrase theatre producers love to utter because it indicates that an audience-pleasing production is once again on the boards for their patrons. ***Forever Plaid***, the Heavenly Musical Hit that closed the 2006 season at Totem Pole Playhouse, returns to the Caledonia State Park summer theatre for one week only playing from May 22nd through the 27th. The international family friendly musical written and originally directed by Stuart Ross with musical continuity supervision and arrangements by James Raitt, is presented by Caledonia Theatre Company and guest sponsor, Orrstown Bank.

"Playhouse audiences enthusiastically embraced ***Forever Plaid*** last August," states Producing Artistic Director, Carl Schurr, "and we

Totem Pole continued

found many patrons returned several times during the run to see the boys make their magic.

Reviving this enchanting salute to another moment in time is a terrific way to jump start the 57th season at Totem Pole."

From Tokyo to London and from New York to Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, ***Forever Plaid*** has had audiences standing in the aisles screaming for more. A hilarious tribute to the guy groups of the 50's and 60's, ***Forever Plaid*** follows the journey of a "semi-professional" harmony group called simply, "The Four Plaids," on their way to their first gig. Alas, their dreams of superstardom were cut short in a collision with a school bus full of Catholic girls on their way to see The Beatles debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Now through a hole in the ozone layer and "some astro-technical stuff," these nerdy crooners with angelic voices come back to do the show they never got to do in real life.

And what a show it is—a veritable hit parade of songs that literally transports audiences back to a kinder, gentler time. Favorites such as "Three Coins in The Fountain," "Heart and Soul," "No, Not Much," "Chain Gang," "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing" and a wild calypso send-up are rendered so masterfully that they outdo the original versions for sheer beauty. The wacky high point of ***Forever Plaid*** is a three and a half minute version of "The Ed Sullivan Show" complete with Spanish dancers, Senor Wences, an amazing dog trick and more.

Forever Plaid is directed by David Hemsley Caldwell, familiar to Totem Pole audiences for his productions of *Smoke on the Mountain, Sanders Family Christmas and Oil City Symphony.* He is assisted by Len Pfluger. Musical direction is by Steven Zumbrun and on bass is Clay Arthur. All four Plaids from last August also return to Totem Pole: Chad Coudriet, Meyer deLeeuw, David Perlman and Darren Server. The lush setting is designed by James Fouchard; Lighting is by Michael D. Domue; Costumes are co-ordinated by Jessica Allison and Julia Bowers and Michael D. Domue is the Production Stage Manager.

The 2007 Totem Pole Playhouse season includes:

Always…Patsy Cline By Ted Swindley (June 2 ***Write Me a Murder*** By Frederick Knott (July 3 – 15): Mystery Drama. Sponsored by Apple Leaf Abstracting & Settlement Company and Martha B. Walker Law Office.

Proposals By Neil Simon (July 17 – 29): Wil Love stars in this Nostalgic Comedy. Sponsored by Valpak of Cumberland Valley and Schoenberger's Restaurant.

Driving Miss Daisy By Alfred Uhry (July 31 – August 12): Pulitzer Prize-Winning Comedy Drama. Sponsored by F&M Trust.

Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming Written by Connie Ray, Conceived by Alan Bailey with Musical Arrangements by Mike Craver (August 14 – 26): Family Musical Comedy). Sponsored by Patriot Federal Credit Union.

The summer activities at Totem Pole are not confined to the mainstage productions. On Saturday May 26th, the annual Theatre FunFest will be in full swing from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This theatrical fair for the entire family includes such events as tours of backstage, watching rehearsals for ***Always…Patsy Cline***, workshops in theatrical fencing, costuming, makeup, food concessions and bake sales, music by the Shippensburg German band, children's theatre crafts, two magic shows by local magician Russ Smith, and a huge yard sale on the West Lawn. Theatre FunFest is sponsored by Orrstown Bank and all proceeds from the event support Totem Pole Playhouse.

From June 18th through June 29th the Children's Theatre Camp returns to the Playhouse under the direction of Jenny Kreyl Shoeman. Applications are still welcome from children between the ages of 8 and 15.

One of the busiest organizations at the theatre continues to be the Friends of Totem Pole Playhouse, a volunteer support group that provides many vital services including ushering, meeting incoming actors, greeting bus groups and planning the annual summer picnic. All talents and interests are needed and welcome.

For information on all Caledonia Theatre Company and Totem Pole Playhouse events, simply stop by the box office or call 717-352-2164 or 1-888-805-7056. Tickets may now be ordered online at www.totempoleplayhouse.org

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Harrisburg Theatres Team Up for Second Annual "Theatre Downtown Preview"

HARRISBURG, PA - On September 6, 2007, three of Harrisburg's most influential theatre groups will be offering a sneak preview of their collective 2007-2008 seasons.

Theatre Downtown Preview '07 will showcase the work of Open Stage, Theatre Harrisburg and Gamut Theatre Group, which produces Popcorn Hat Players and the Harrisburg Shakespeare Festival.

"Each of the theatres in downtown Harrisburg has a unique personality, but we all share the desire to bring vibrant and compelling plays to the public. Plus, we know how to have fun! We wanted to kick-off our 2007-2008 seasons with all of that in mind and host a publicity event that would reflect that, " says Melissa Nicholson, Executive Director, Gamut Theatre Group

"It's a great way for us to show people that there is more to downtown than just restaurants," says Dominique Flickinger, Managing Director, Theatre Harrisburg.

"Theatre in downtown Harrisburg is the result of more than 20 years of vision, planning, and hard work of this city's community leaders," says Marianne Fischer, co-founder and board member of Open Stage of Harrisburg. "Theatre is live – that's what sets it apart from so many other activities - and the audience is fundamental. I encourage people to come meet the artists, see what's coming up in the next theatre year – and get their calendars up-to-date."

The preview will take place from 5-7 p.m. in the Kunkel Lobby of Whitaker Center. In exchange for a $5 donation at the door, guests will receive two complimentary drinks (wine or beer for those 21 and over – please bring I.D.), light hors d'oeuvres and drawings for give-aways, PLUS coupons to the downtown theatres and other businesses valued at over $75!

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For more information, contact:

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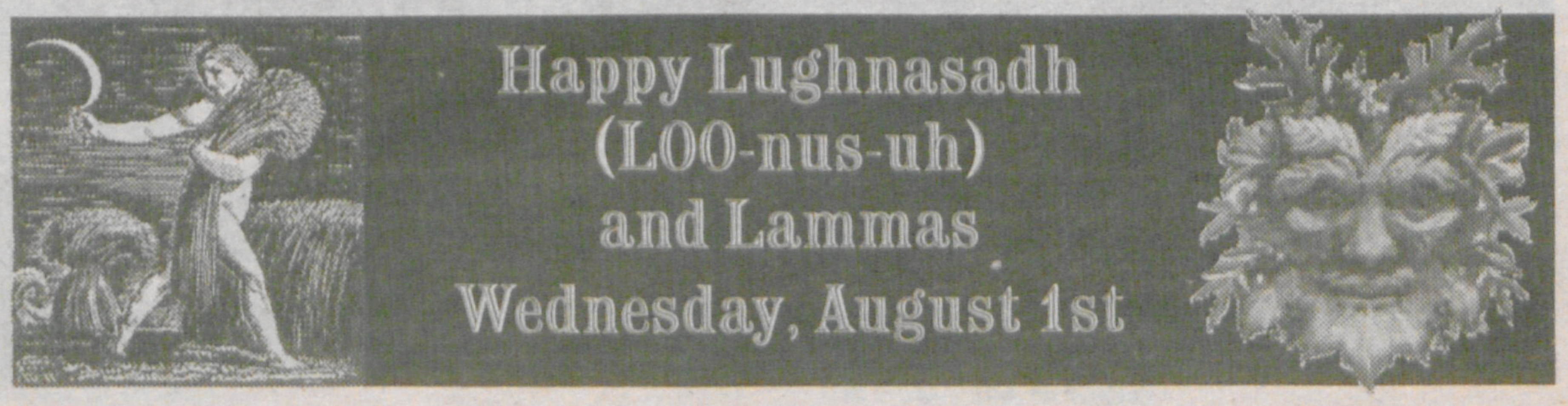

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The Hershey Theatre Spotlight Tour is a one-hour walking tour that departs from the main entrance of the theatre at 15 East Caracas Avenue in downtown Hershey. The tour travels throughout selective areas of the building, from the basement to the balcony. Its highlights include the majestic Grand Lobby, the gilded Inner Lobby, the historic four-manual Aeolian-Skinner organ (with over 4,000 pipes), and a fully-restored atmospheric ceiling.

The Spotlight Tour takes patrons behind the scenes of Milton Hershey's Entertainment Showplace. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis at the time of the tour only. This is a walking tour and includes many steps. Access to some areas on the tour is subject to change without notice. In addition, private tours are available for groups by appointment; call 717-533-6299 for more information or to make reservations.

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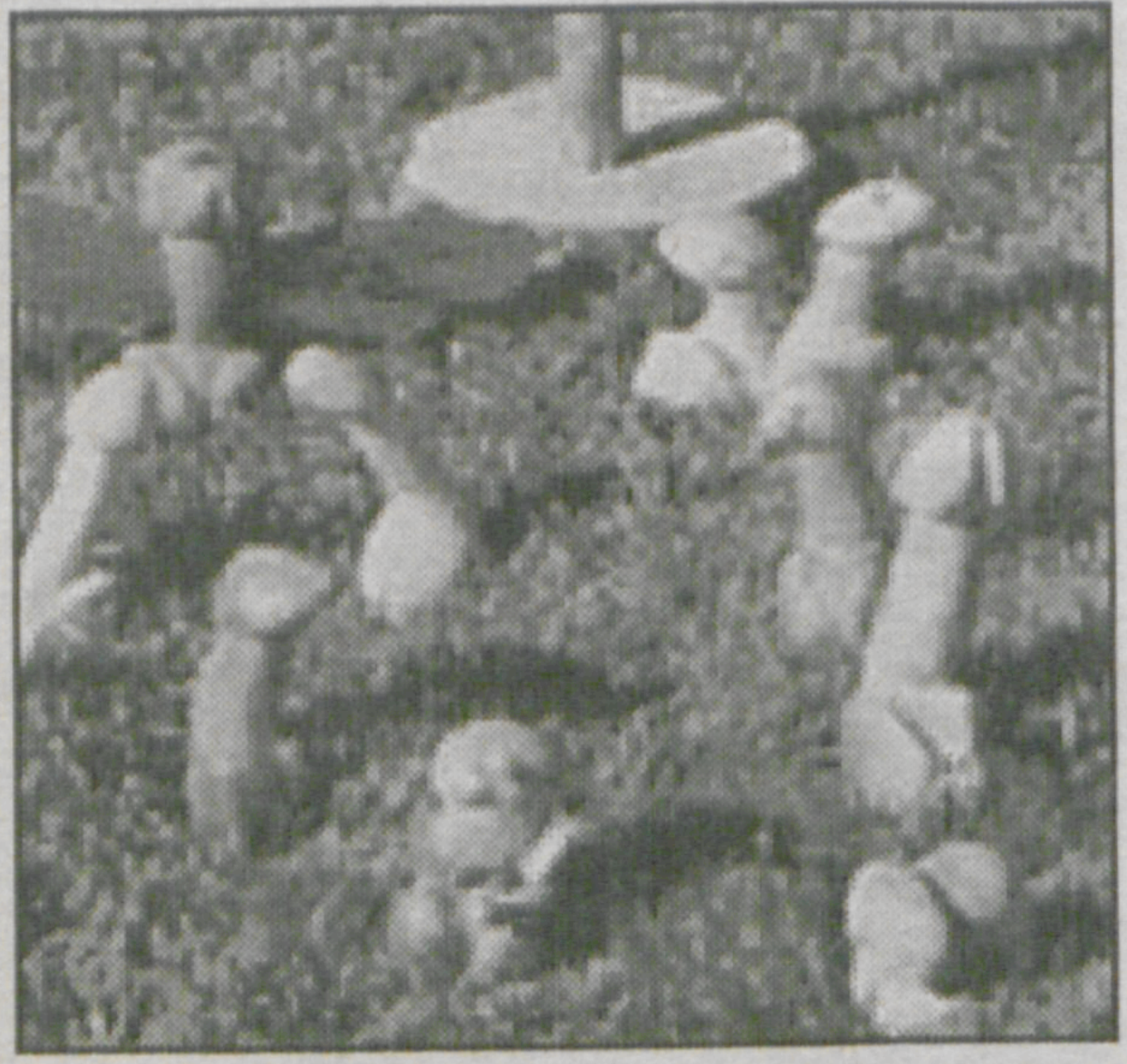

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Things to Do in Iceland

Scientific entrepreneurs started the world's first Penis Museum, officially known as the Icelandic Phallological Museum and located Húsavík. At the institute, all the mysteries of male genitalia are revealed. The associated museum of phallology has a gallery containing over 100 penises and penile parts belonging to almost all the land and sea mammals that can be found in Iceland. Who knew?

Derek Cordier Fights AIDS in Africa

Local attorney Derek Cordier recently returned from a two-week trip to Africa where he learned firsthand about AIDS. He traveled there under the auspices of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amFAR). Cordier raised more than $10,000 in donations to amFAR in order to make the journey.

Sub-Saharan Africa is more heavily affected by HIV and AIDS than any other region of the world. An estimated 24.5 million people were living with HIV at the end of 2005 and approximately 2.7 million additional people were infected with HIV during that year. In just the past year, the AIDS epidemic in Africa has claimed the lives of an estimated 2 million people in this region. More than twelve million children have been orphaned by AIDS.

Namibia, where Cordier visited, is part of President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a five-year, $15 billion U.S. Government initiative covering 15 African nations. Under the plan, Namibia receive $21.2 million to support a comprehensive treatment, prevention, and care program.

In his own words, Cordier tells Central voice about his experience.

The Funds

Thanks to all my donors, Cordier says, I raised approximately $10,250.00 dollars for amfAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research. I became involved, because I have been donating 5% of my profits to amfAR since I started my practice. I received an email from them about the Trek through the Namib Desert in Namibia. To qualify for the Trek I had to raise $10,000.00 for amfAR. I was also required to personally donate $500.00 and cover the Trek costs of about $3,000.00. Upon arriving in Johannesburg, South Africa, I was told by the administrator of the Trek that I, "by far" had the most numerous donations (more than 100), although Peter from Hollywood raised the most money, approximately $39,000.00. Almost everyone was from New York City. Those not from New York included one person from Hollywood, one from D.C., a doctor from Providence, Rhode Island, and me representing Harrisburg.

The Trek

It would take the entire paper to tell you the whole story so I will give you the highlights. No fresh or running water, no bathrooms, sleeping in tents, heat up to 108 degrees in the daytime and down to 40 degrees at night. Awakened at 6:00 a.m. with a hardy "wakey - wakey" from the London Firefighter guide. Had breakfast and hiked to sundown. We hiked from 10 to 16 miles a day for six days through the most hostile environment I could have ever imagined.

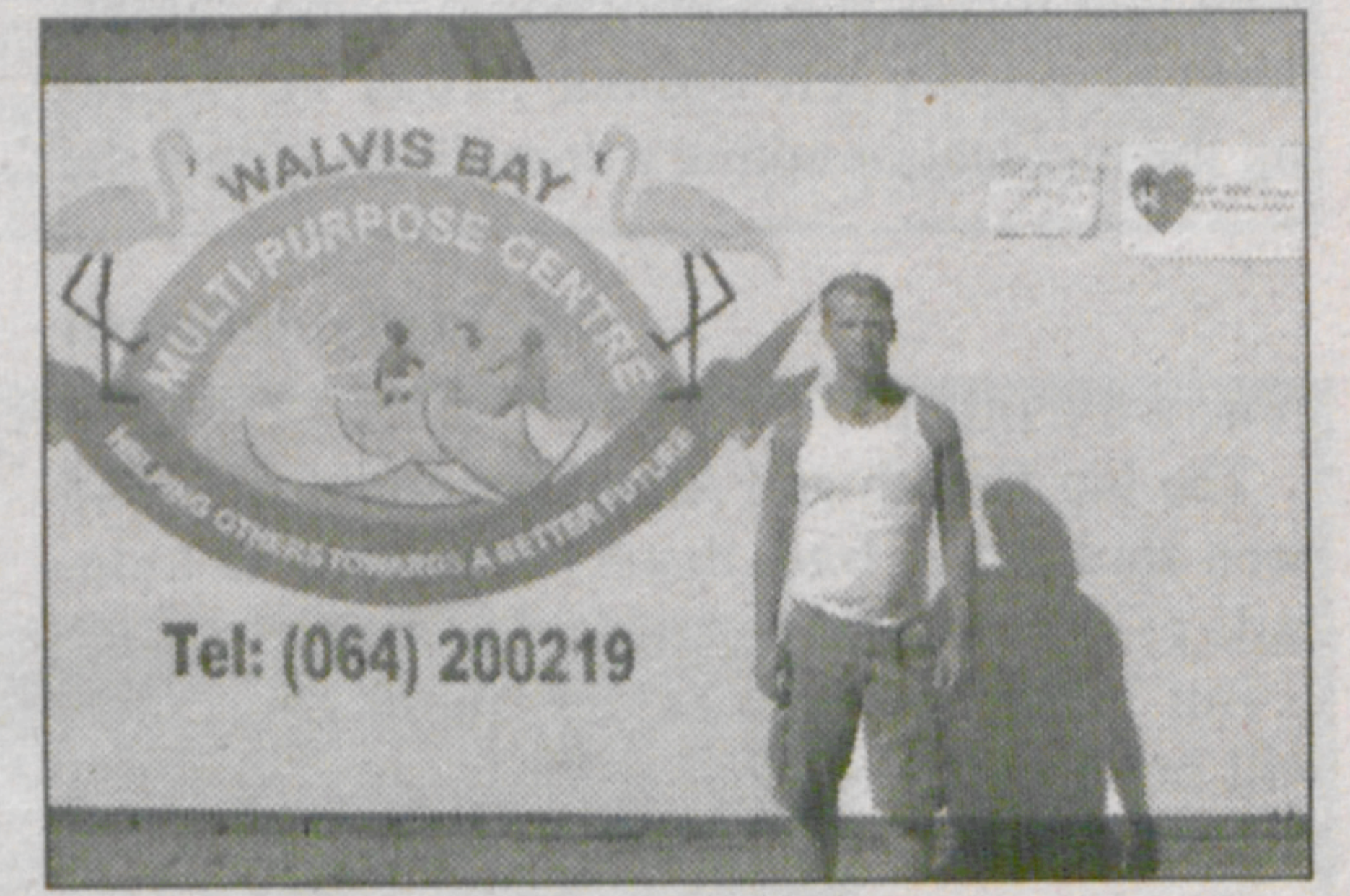
The second and fifth days were the most arduous. Those were the two days that the local Namibian guide, Corbus, took us to places he had never been. The second day, after lunch, we hiked up and down an extinct volcano. The volcano was made up of boulders ranging in size from softball to Volkswagen. It took hours to walk a mile. We made it to camp at sunset. I was so exhausted by the time we came down from the top of the volcano I literally thought I was going to pass out. I had befriended a guy from Manhattan named Michael, who insisted on taking my pack. Also, the last night of the Trek the local guide mentioned two people. One of them was me. He said that every time he would hike the volcano he would remember me. I clearly must have looked close to death.

The fifth day at lunch time it was announced that those who did not feel strong enough to continue should take the truck as it was going to be a difficult seven mile hike. The Namibian guide took us up a mountain piled high with slate. When we came close to our destination we came upon a 1000 foot high cliff that went straight down. The doctor assigned to the Trek, Ourno, even said "oh my God" when he saw the cliff. It looked like something only mountain climbers with ropes would attempt to descend. We were told that anyone with vertigo would have to go back the way we came. Somehow Corbus led us down without injury. I felt high as a kite upon reaching the bottom.

Teamwork was as important as it gets. On the last night of our journey we had a "Gala" dinner at a very nice restaurant. My 35 year old friend Michael, who motivated me, gave me vitamins, help me find my glasses after dark and had generally helped me make it through the Trek, disappeared when the soup arrived. I searched the restaurant, but could not find him. He had been taken upstairs to get a phone call from the U.S. Embassy. His 27 year old younger brother, a teacher of the year at an impoverished school in New York City, had died of a heart attack. We all shared our love and affection for him. Michael had planned to stay in South Africa after the Trek and enjoy Cape Town. His best friend, Rainer, took care of getting him a new flight, Glen got him a chartered flight to the main airport, and I, as his roommate, helped him get ready to leave. That is how the entire Trek went. In times of need we all supported each other. After a very late night, Michael left the next morning at 6:00 a.m. for home.

The Clinic

There are 1.1 million people in the US with HIV or AIDS. In the city, Walvis Bay, where we visited an AIDS outreach center the percentage of those affected was at one time up to 28%, but had been lowered by the center's efforts to 17%. Some villages in Africa have an infection rate of 70%. The children in Walvis Bay have nothing to do after school and are having sex at ages as low as ten. There is no movie theater. In fact, they don't even have paper and pencils. There are 60,000 people living in Walvis Bay and there are about 300 bars, some built with boxes. The owners do not care who they serve even though the drinking age is 18, so the kids drink and then have unprotected sex.



Reflections

I learned so much from raising the funds and surviving the trek. The most important thing I learned was that HIV and AIDS affects everyone on earth not just those living and dying with the disease, and that giving back and working together are the only ways to make the world a better place for everyone. The grief Michael experienced and the grief I experienced for Michael is also felt by millions of people. The Trek was a "cakewalk" compared to what those living and dying with HIV, AIDS, and their family and friends have to go through every day of their lives.

If you are interested in many more pictures and reading my daily journal you can go to my website at www.derekjcordier.com. To learn more about amfAR and the great work they do go to www.amfAR.org. I want to thank all the donors, especially those that are struggling financially, but donated anyway. Save your charity money – the next Trek is India!

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Stonewalled continued

reportedly said, "People like you make the world a bad place." Three police officers and two detectives allegedly surrounded her while one officer searched her, exposing her pubic hair, buttocks and one of her breasts. She said, "I didn't ask to be searched by a female officer. I've tried that before - they don't care, to them we're all men." She was not charged with any crime. Officers refused to give her their badge numbers. She said, "I know to be respectful to police officers but I'm tired of the way they are treating us."

•Police officers allegedly beat, hog-tied and dragged Kelly McAllister, a white transgender woman, across hot pavement upon her arrest in Sacramento, CA. She was placed in a Sacramento County Main Jail cell with a male inmate who struck, choked, bit and raped her. That inmate received a mere three-month sentence. No officer has been disciplined for the incidents surrounding Kelly's incarceration.

•Two lesbians of color reported that two men in Brooklyn, NY, followed, harassed and threatened them, saying, "I'm going to kill you, bitch. You're not a man....I'm gonna put you in your place." The verbal abuse escalated to physical abuse; the two women called 911. When police were told this was a homophobic crime, the officers reportedly left without further investigating the incident or taking a complaint, telling the ambulance attendants responding to the women's call to leave. One woman reportedly was bleeding from the head due to a blow from one of the men. Her companion stated, "It was ridiculous. There she was running down the street bleeding and chasing after the ambulance."

•A Native American transgender woman reported that two Los Angeles police officers handcuffed her and took her to an alleyway. One officer reportedly hit her across the face, saying "you f---ing whore, you f---ing faggot," then threw her down on the back of the patrol car, ripped off her miniskirt and her underwear and raped her, holding her down and grabbing her hair. The second officer is also alleged to have raped her. According to the woman, they threw her on the ground and said, "That's what you deserve," and left her there.

"Every human being, without exception, has the right to live free from discrimination and abuse, yet LGBT people nationwide are afraid to report hate crimes or other abuses to the police, who at times prove themselves to be the criminals. If we can't count on law enforcement to set an example, hate crimes and discrimination will continue to flourish in a land that otherwise has made relative headway in the fight for LGBT rights," says Michael Heflin, Director of Amnesty International USA's OUTfront program, focusing on glbt human rights."

Oily Truth continued

gime were lifted.

The big British and American companies had been shut out of Iraq, thanks to more than a decade of U.S. sanctions against Saddam.

But if the new law passes, those companies will be the ones reviewing those very contracts and any others.

"Iraq's economic security and development will be thrown into question with this law," said Antonia Juhasz of Oil Change International, a petroleum industry watchdog group. "It's a radical departure not only from Iraq's existing structure but from how oil is managed in most of the world today."

Throughout the developing world, national oil companies control the bulk of oil production, though they often develop joint agreements with foreign commercial oil groups.

But under the proposed law, the government-owned Iraqi National Oil Co. "will not get any preference over foreign companies," Juhasz said.

The law must still be presented to the Iraqi parliament. Given the many political and religious divisions in the country, its passage is hardly guaranteed.

The main religious and ethnic groups are all pushing to control contracts and oil revenues for their regions, while the Bush administration is seeking more centralized control.

While the politicians in Washington and Baghdad bicker to carve up the real prize, and just what share Big Oil will get, more Iraqi civilians and American soldiers die each each day - for freedom, we're told.

Juan Gonzalez is a Daily News columnist.

Recently, Helen Boyd, author of "She's Not the Man I Married" and "My Husband Betty," visited Penn State University Dickinson School of Law's future lawyers to discuss the "odd ways that her life has become complicated by laws about gender and marriage." Left to right: **Professor Rains,** Law Professor at PSU/DSL, author **Helen Boyd, and Michelle Wirth,** co-president of OUTlaw at PSU/DSL and organizer of the discussion.

Central PA Animal Alliance Held Vaccine Clinic

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The Central Pennsylvania Animal Alliance (CPAA) held a low-cost vaccine and microchipping clinic and a yard sale last month at the Invisible Fence Company, 5255 E. Simpson Ferry Road, Mechanicsburg, PA. Proceeds from the yard sale benefited local animal organizations. Adoptable animals were also on display, looking for their forever homes.

Rabies and Distemper vaccines were be $10 each, and microchipping was $25, including the registration fee with the Avid Company. Vaccines and microchipping were done by Robert Heidecker, D.V.M. Cats were required to be in secure crates and dogs were on short leashes.

Information: www.cpaa.info or Pat at 717-938-1191 or email Pat@cpaa.info. CPAA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization committed to ending the killing of dogs and cats as the means of animal population control.

New Veterinarian Joins Humane Society

Veterinarian Dr. Tracy Moussa recently joined the staff of the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area (HSHA) as the director of medical care. Moussa comes to the society from Smoketown Veterinary Hospital.

Moussa earned her veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania and has experience with multiple species, including dogs, cats, exotics, livestock, and birds. She will focus on the health and well-being of resident animals, infectious disease control, and community education.

"I'm excited to be part of helping HSHA carry out its mission of caring for homeless animals and educating the community," Moussa says. She owns a small farm, where she keeps rescued goats and sheep.

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Hawaii Hotels Pamper Pets

For years, visitors who wanted to bring their pets to Hawaii faced a four-month quarantine for the animals -- and they had to pay for it. Now the rules are different, making it easier to avoid quarantine as long as other requirements are met to ensure that the animals are free of rabies.

As a result, arrivals of cats and dogs to the islands are up over 30 percent in three years, and hotels are responding to the trend by offering amenities for traveling pets.

The hotel services, most of which are geared to dog-owners, are great for visitors from out of state, but they also benefit locals who want to vacation with their dogs in Hawaii, or who want to take their pets back and forth to the mainland.

Elizabeth Taylor and Cameron Diaz are two of the higher-profile pet-owners who've taken advantage of doggie services at The Kahala, one of Oahu's most luxurious hotels. But Larry and Valerie Wilson, who live in Hawaii, also got to experience the pet program on a recent stay at The Kahala when their pet bichon frise, Kea, was greeted by name by the bellman. The fluffy white dog was then escorted to his room, where fresh-baked peanut butter biscuits with "Kea" inscribed on top awaited.

"It's always been a hassle when we want a nice weekend away, and need to find a doggie-sitter," said Valerie Wilson, a government worker from Aiea. "He's like our child and we always want to bring him."

Nearly 9,000 dogs and cats arrived in Hawaii last fiscal year, up from about 7,650 in 2005 and just over 6,800 in 2004, according to the state Department of Agriculture. Already more than 5,600 have come to the islands in the first seven months of this fiscal year, while just 311 went through the 120-day quarantine.

Golf Health

Here's a look at the health of the average golfer:

- **80%** of golfers suffer from pain, injury or illness.
- **27%** have back pain.
- **66%** are overweight.
- **30%** have played with a hangover.

Source: 2006 Golfer Health Study, Golf Digest

78%

That's how many of you said former mayor Rudy Giuliani has no chance of becoming the next President (*TONY 595*), though one reader is more optimistic: →

"He has walked in both men's and women's shoes." —*David Graves, Park Slope*

Summer Health Tips for Pets

By Kristen Zellner

Now that summer's arrived, here's several tips on keeping pets safe and happy during hot and sticky days.

Like their human owners, most pets don't get as much exercise in winter as they do in warmer months. Like us, pets need to ease into an exercise regiment, especially senior and overweight pets. If you're trying to squeeze into that Speedo in a few weeks don't assume your pet wants to tag along on with exercise cram sessions.

Start Slow

Start your pet off with short walks. Increase the distance weekly. On hot days, limit your walks to the coolest times of the day. Never leave your pet outside for long periods without supervision - heat stroke and dehydration may occur.

Wipe Paws

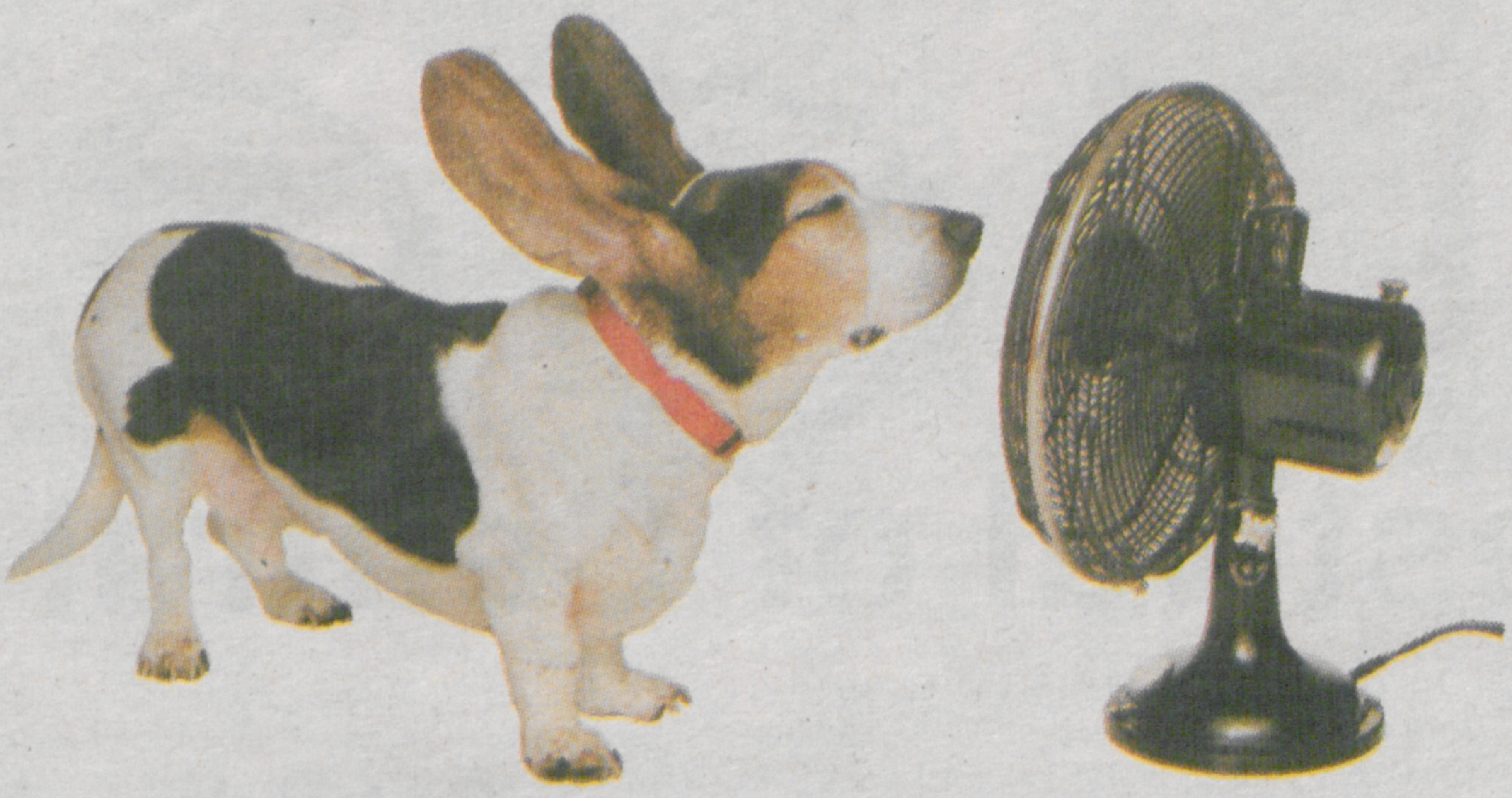
Wipe off your pet's paws when the pet comes in from outdoors. Fertilizer, mulch, weed killers, and pesticides can be harmful to animals. Wiping the paws with a damp warm cloth greatly reduces the risk of your pet ingesting harmful chemicals that may cause illness.

Sunburn

Take into account that light colored pets can get sunburned. Apply a pet friendly sunscreen on the nose and ear tips as necessary.

Cool Treats

Ice cubes, raw bones, carrots, garden sprinklers, and swimming are just a few things dogs enjoy on a hot summer day. Try freezing some of her favorite toys in a bowl of water for a challenging, cool treat. If you take your dog swimming, be sure to check the ears afterward. Water and bacteria can get trapped in the ear canal and cause infection. Clean ears with 1 tablespoon of apple cider vinegar diluted with ½ cup of distilled water. Use a cotton ball to flush the ear and swab out any debris that is visible. Do not swab any deeper into the ear canal.



Flea Circus

Staying flea free in the summertime can pose significant challenges. The best way to control fleas is with a flea comb. Comb the whole body each day to catch fleas and scrape them off into a dish of water. They will drown. Other flea control methods include bathing your pet, washing pet bedding in hot water, and vacuuming regularly.

Chemicals

If you use chemical repellents, please take the time to read instructions and warning labels thoroughly. There are natural, less toxic alternatives that can be just as effective in controlling fleas and ticks when used in combination with the above. Sprays and shampoos containing Neem oil or citronella are particularly effective and less costly.

Playing Outside

Most of us love to show off our pets and summertime provides us with many opportunities to do so. Though it is great to let animals socialize with each other, try to refrain from taking your pets to crowded summer events like concerts or fairs. Loud noises, heat and crowds are very stressful for them. Fireworks are especially dangerous for your pets as the noise hurts their sensitive ears. It is important to recognize when your animal may be experiencing stress and try to alleviate it.

Provide Shelter

Summer can be great fun for animals and humans, but it can also be busy and exhausting. Try to spend quality time with your pets each day and give them the consistency they need in order to feel safe and secure. Most importantly, be sure to provide your pets with appropriate shelter from the heat, plenty of clean water, a healthy diet, and a quiet place to rest.

Further Reading

For further reading I recommend, "The Complete Holistic Dog Book," by Jan Allegretti and Katy Sommers, DVM, and "Dr. Pitcairn's Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats," by Richard H. Pitcairn, DVM, PhD.

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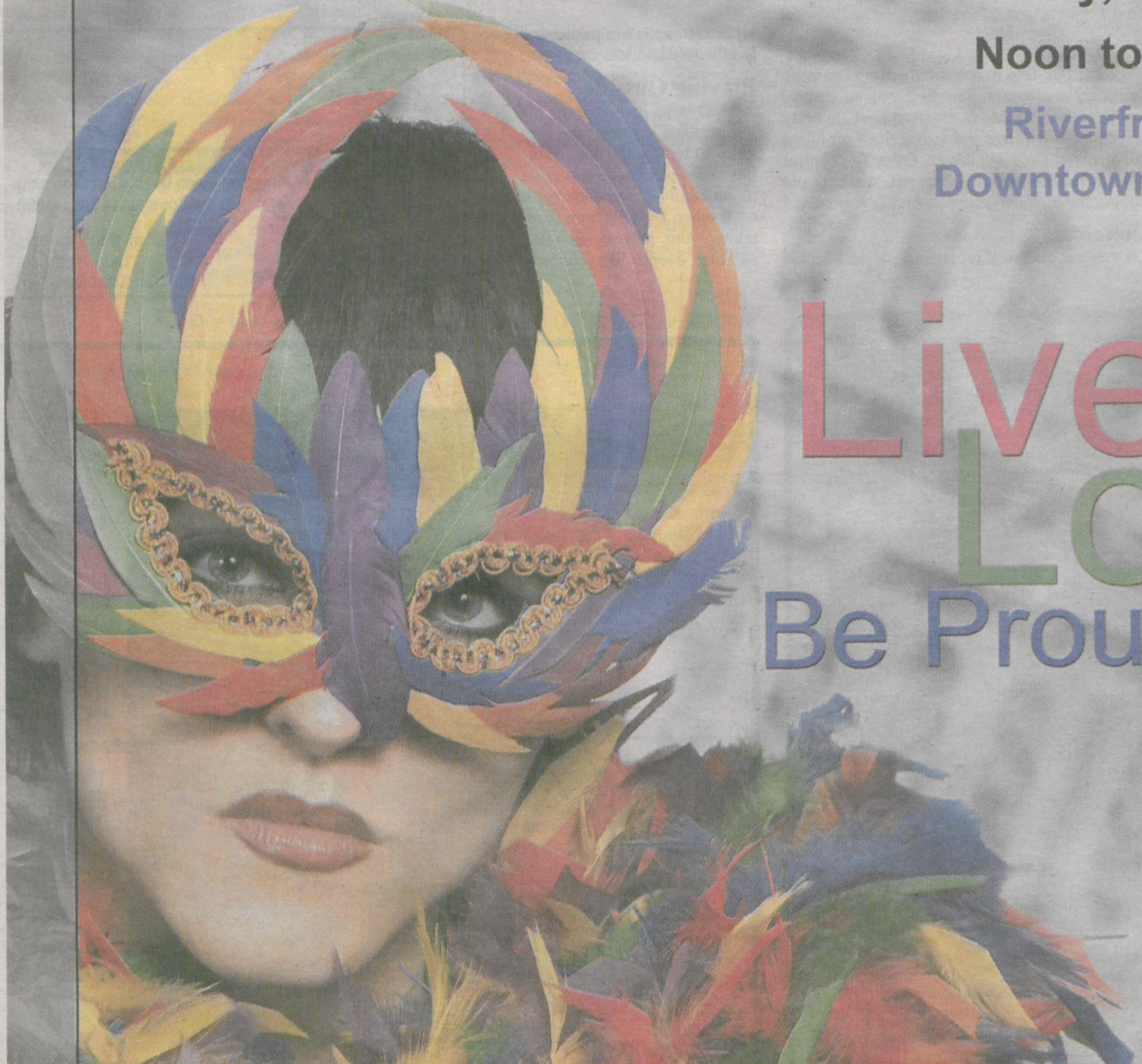

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Voices United Concert July 27 at Market Square Presbyterian Church

By Paul Foltz

Once more a summer night will vibrate with the joyous sound of song to celebrate the beginning of Pride Festival 2007. On Friday, July 27, 8 pm, Voices United, a choral celebration of Pride hosted by the Harrisburg Men's Chorus (HMC), takes place at Market Square Presbyterian Church. Proceeds from combined concert benefit the 2007 Unity Parade.

The concert beings together the talent of HMC, Central PA Womyn's Chorus, Choir of Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit and Unisingers of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

Each choir performs a portion of the evening's program after which the 100 plus voices sing together under the direction of David Walker, HMC Artistic Director and Unisingers Conductor. This year the combined choirs present three pieces: "Rise Up and Sing" by Greg Gilpin, "Elegy" by Carl Nygard and "Toccata of Praise" by Joseph Martin.

A fifth chorus, The Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus, was slated to participate in the festival but had to cancel at the last minute due to scheduling conflicts.

Voices United was originally established as a way for the area glbt choruses, along with other supportive choirs, to participate in Pride events. While many performers have appeared at the festival itself in years past, it was thought that an indoor concert venue would provide a better showcase for choral sound. The first concert, held last July at Theatre Harrisburg's Krevsky Production Center, was so successful and well received the Pride Festival Committee "adopt" the concert, making the concert 2007 Pride Festival's official kickoff event.

HMC, this year's host chorus, celebrates its 20th anniversary. During those 20 years, the chorus has sung in such disparate places as Carnegie Hall as well as San Jose, California. The chorus has also performed with guest artists ranging from opera diva Marilyn Horne to jazz singer Ann Hampton Callaway to contemporary music legend Judy Collins.

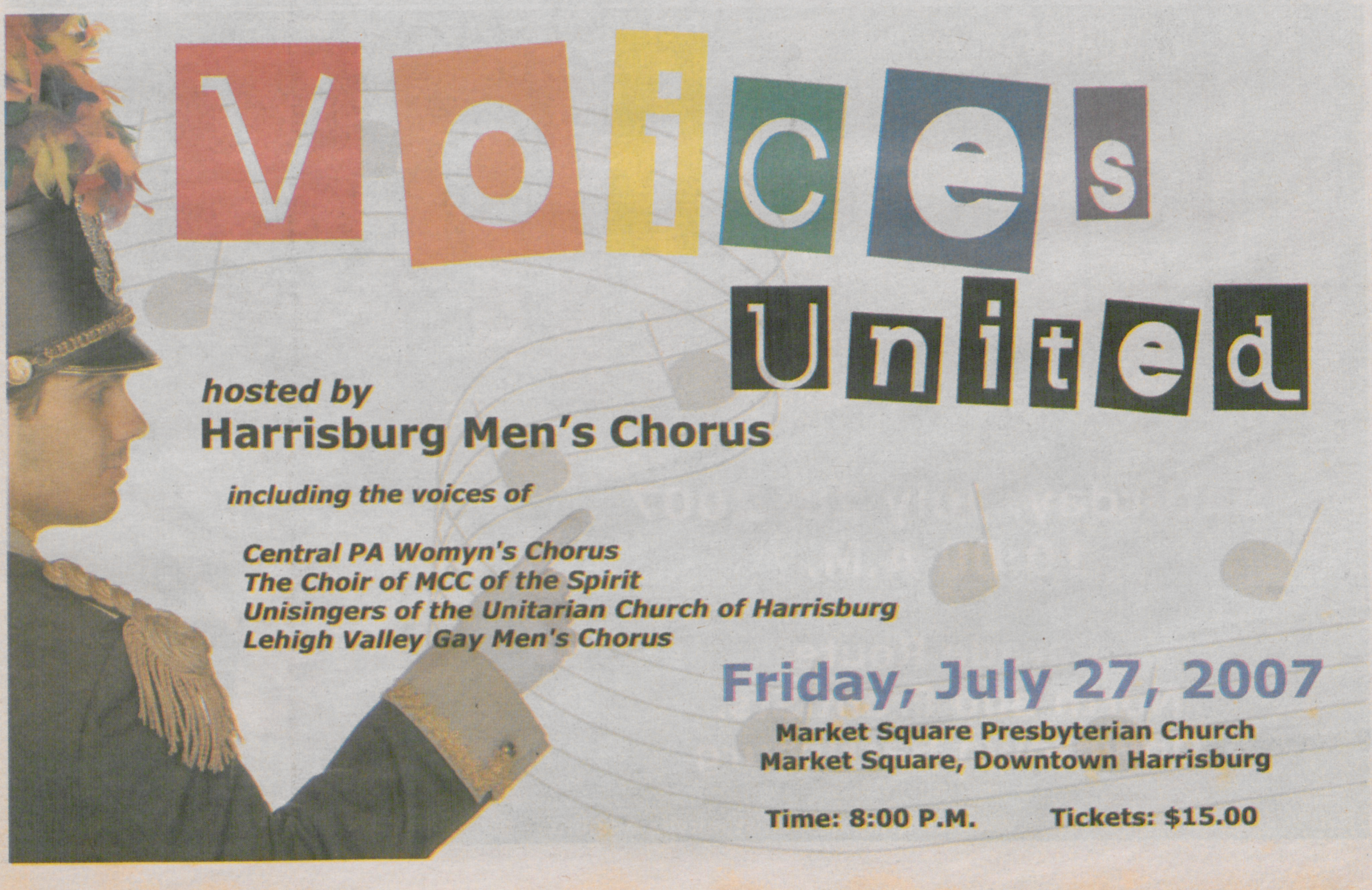
HMC along with the Central PA Womyn's Chorus, with whom they shared the stage for the Collins concert, are members of GALA Choruses, an international association of gay and lesbian choruses. The women's chorus is also a member of Sister Singers Network of community-based women's choruses. CPWC launched in 1994 after a woman heard HMC sing during the prior summer's Pride Festival. With some help from the chorus' leaders, her inspiration blossomed into an organization that has sung for breast cancer prevention and treatment, HIV/AIDS, Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, The Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan, The PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence and even the Pennsman. They too have crisscrossed the country singing in Philadelphia, San Diego, Baltimore and making their international debut in 2004 at the Montreal GALA Festival.

Since it's founding in 1980, music has always been an integral part of the life of MCC of the Spirit. In it's 27 year history, MCC has been the "starter dough" for many of the organizations that are present in our community today providing space, funding, and myriad assistances all the while seeing their ministry evolve and develop to meet the changing needs of our community. Dave Minnich, who has served as an interim music minister while the church searched for a permanent person to assume this vital ministry, will conduct their choral segment. Happily the congregation is also welcoming George Donovan in the near future as their new, permanent Minister of Music.

Spirit is the hallmark of all the activities of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg (UCH) and that spirit is evident in Unisingers performances. More than just a church choir, Unisingers are ambassadors taking their enthusiasm, commitment, their love of justice, equality and compassion and music to regional venues. Never content with simply doing one thing, you'll find members of the Unisingers performing in Friday's concert, being Silent Witnesses for the next day's festival and even walking in the parade as part of the new UCH marching band.

Event tickets are $15 and are available from participating choruses, at the door the evening of the concert or from the Harrisburg Men's Chorus web site: www.harrisburgmenschorus.org.

> Silence kills the soul; it diminishes its possibilities to rise and fly and explore. Silence withers what makes you human. The soul shrinks until it's nothing. -Marlon Riggs, Filmmaker



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Silent Witnesses Help Again

PrideFest Unity Parade: Live, Love, and Be Proud!

By Mark Smith

The Pride Parade Committee announces this year's PrideFest Unity Parade is Saturday, July 28, 2007 at 10 AM along Front Street in downtown Harrisburg. The PrideFest Unity Parade of Central Pennsylvania endeavors to bring together the glbt community and their supporters through a public and united front.

The parade venue allows and encourages all types of organizations – gay groups and their supporters - to march together to commemorate and celebrate the glbt community's vast history and diversity. The event educates society on the liberation of the glbt community and their quest for basic civil rights that are denied to so many.

Harrisburg City police will patrol the parade route. Silent Witnesses will also be present to block protestors with their rainbow colored umbrellas, an effort which earned them internationally news coverage last year. Silent Witnesses of Central PA (SWPA) is an organization of gay and straight allies dedicated to providing a non-confrontational buffer between those who condemn others based on their sexual orientation or identity and those they condemn. They provide visual protection from "street preachers" and protestors at events.

Representatives from the Silent Witness program encourage all people who attend this year's parade to refrain from verbal and physical confrontation with any of the "street preachers" or protestors that may be present. "Experience has shown us that street preachers and other vicious protestors have a long history of picketing, antagonizing and subsequently suing various individuals and organizations," states Alanna Berger, Executive Director, Silent Witness Program.

"It is a struggle to refrain from arguing with street preachers and other protestors, but based on past experience, confronting them is clearly useless. Their attempts to engage participants in a dialogue are thinly disguised attempts to trap unsuspecting subjects into listening to their diatribe. They are impervious to logic. And at their worst, they are trying to earn a living by provoking an attack and filing lawsuits. It is precisely this kind of result that SWPA is determined to prevent," Berger explains.

More information about the Silent Witness program can be found at www.silentwitnesspa.org

Parade Route

This year's parade forms at North and Front Streets, Harrisburg. The parade will march south on Front Street and disperse on Vine Street behind the Comfort Inn. The theme of this year's parade is Live, Love, and Be Proud.

Application Deadline July 15

Groups interested in participating in this year's parade may contact the Central Pa PrideFest Unity Parade, 311 South Front Street, P.O. Box 12108, Harrisburg, PA 17108, 717-234-0328 or visit www.centralpagayprideparade.org to obtain an application. The deadline to submit applications for participation in the parade is July 15, 2007. All groups and participants must follow parade rules. Harrisburg city decency ordinances require all participants to be appropriately dressed. Nudity or obscene costumes are not permitted. The parade committee will make the final decision on all participants dress/costumes. No alcohol, drugs, or firearms are permitted. Harrisburg city police will be present to enforce city ordinances. There is an underpass along the parade route so floats cannot be higher than 11 ft. or they will not be able to safely clear the railroad bridge. For the safety of participants and to ensure a smooth flow of parade vehicles, riders on floats are asked to sit down when going under the bridge. See website for complete listing of rules.

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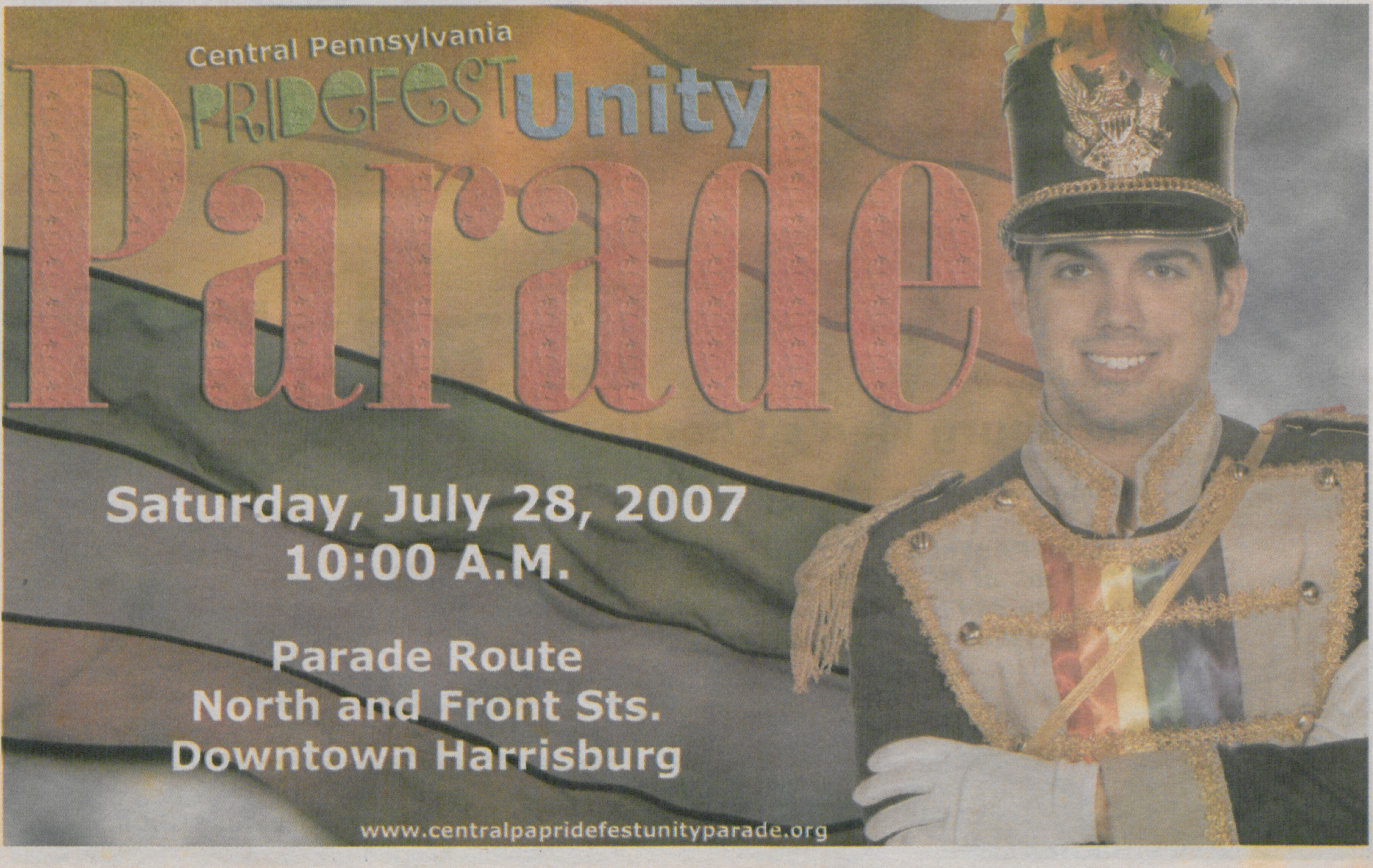
2. No alcohol or drugs or firearms permitted
3. No smoking on parade route
4. No obscene language, slogans or themes on floats or costumes.
5. Respect the diversity each member of our community brings.
6. Float heights cannot be higher than 11 ft.
7. All participants must check-in promptly July 28th between 9:00am-9:45am. All groups must be ready to move at the start of parade at 10:00am
8. All drivers of vehicles, motorcycles and floats must have proof of valid insurance, registrations and licenses
9. The admittance fee is for 1 group or organization. If another group wishes to march with your group in order to promote their group they must pay the admittance fee or speak to parade officials before day of parade. We do this as a courtesy to those groups that paid the admissions fee.



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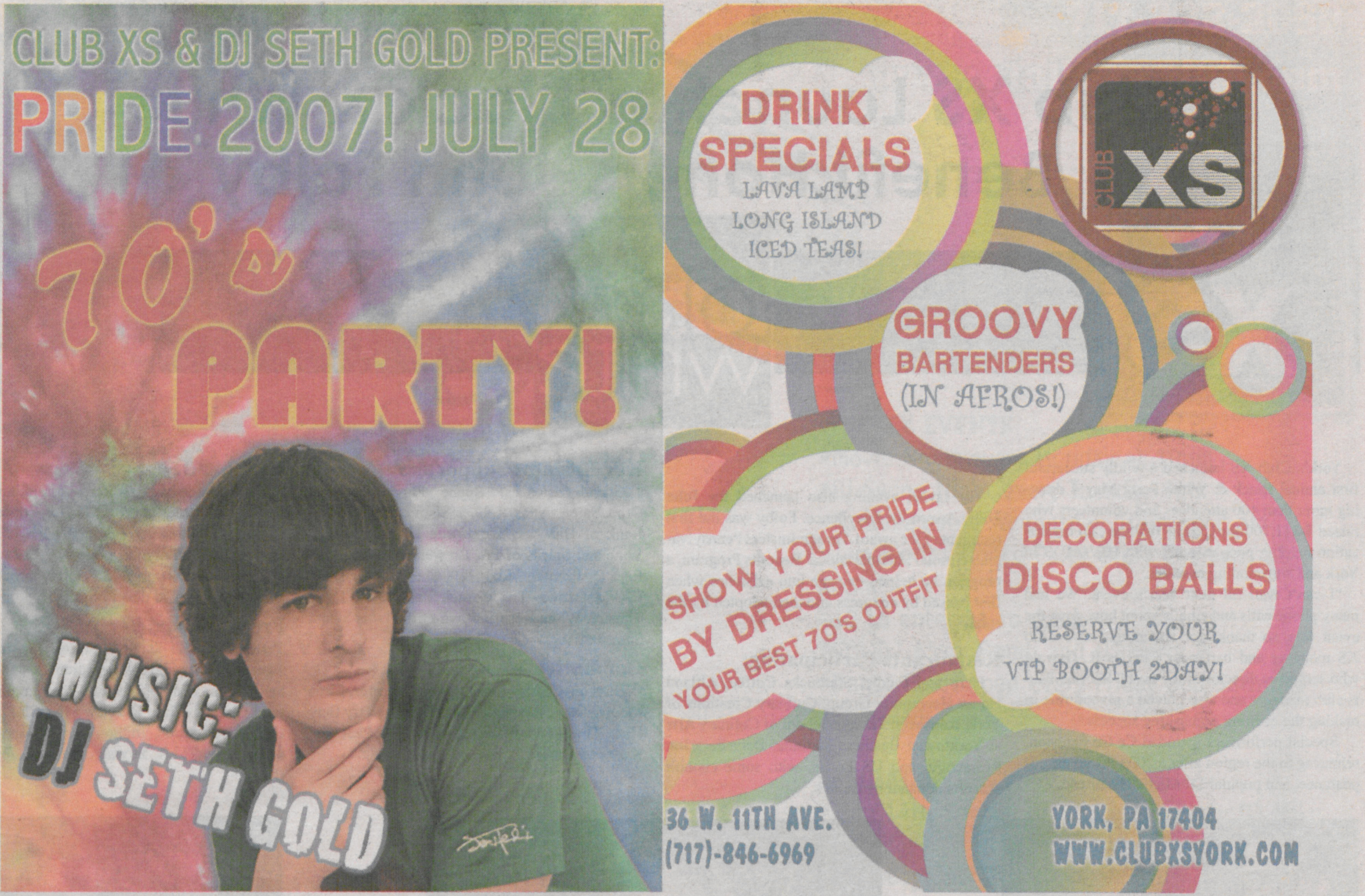

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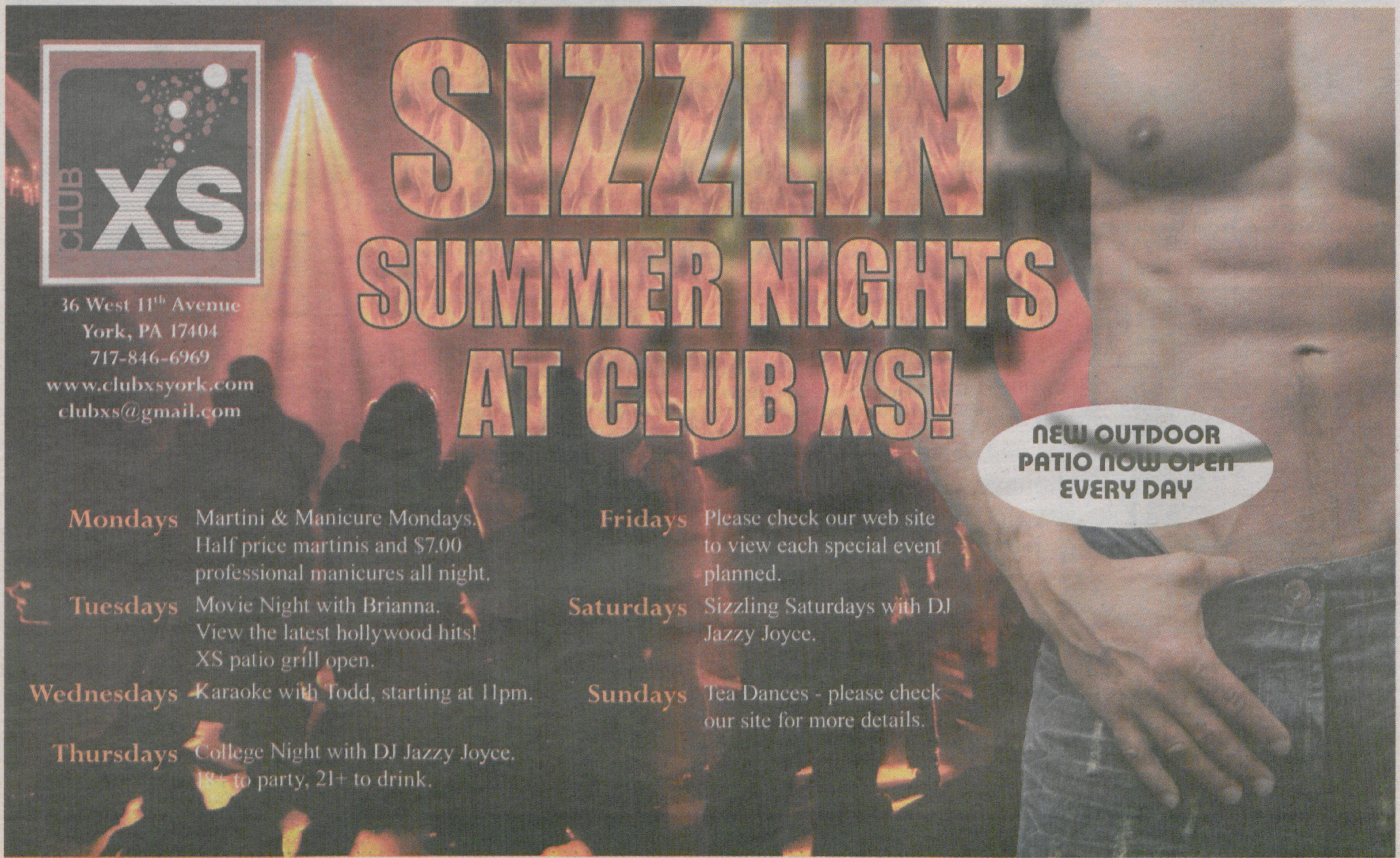

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Club XS Launches Black & White Benefit, Honors John Folby

York's Club XS launched a wildly successful first annual Black & White Party May 4 drawing more than 400 attendees and volunteers who raised $ $11,700 for Caring Together, an organization helping people living with HIV/AIDS in York and surrounding counties.

"I can't wait till next year's event. We had many phone calls and emails about how great the event was, so thanks for attending," says Club XS manager and bartender Charles R. Oswald who served as director of the event. Sabrina Paul is club manager and also played a pivotal role in making the evening a smashing success.

Special performers included Ce Ce Peniston, returning to the region after a 2003 PrideFest appearance, and popular DJ Michelle Miruski.

John Folby Award

The lavish evening also launched the John Folby Award for Excellence. Folby was the first recipient of the award. He administers Pennsylvania's Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program, a program he helped manage into existence when first passed by congress and then adopted by the state.

Restaurants Participating:

Harp and Fiddle, Starbucks Coffee, Altland House Hospitality Group, Culinary Creations of York, Roosevelt Tavern, School of Culinary Arts at Yorktowne Business Institute, Belvedere Inn Restaurant, and US Foods, with some cannoli desserts donated by Bella's.

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Brian Confiar-Stage Manager, Lighting Designer-Chris Bridger, Decoration Designer-Santos Ramos, Jennifer Thomas-Photography, Musical Director-Chris Quigley, Miss Club XS and Cheeta performed. InPhotorium Montage Photos by David Fish, Montage Produced by Chris Bridger

Club XS owner and general manager **Joel Weinstein** and **North York Mayor Dennis Betz** enjoy a quiet moment talking under Club XS neon sign.

John Folby is loved by many for his selfless work in establishing Pennsyvania's Special Pharmaceutical Program, helping people with HIV/AIDS and mental health problems, gain access to life-saving and life-changing medications. He is the first recipient of the John Folby Award for Excellence presented at the event.

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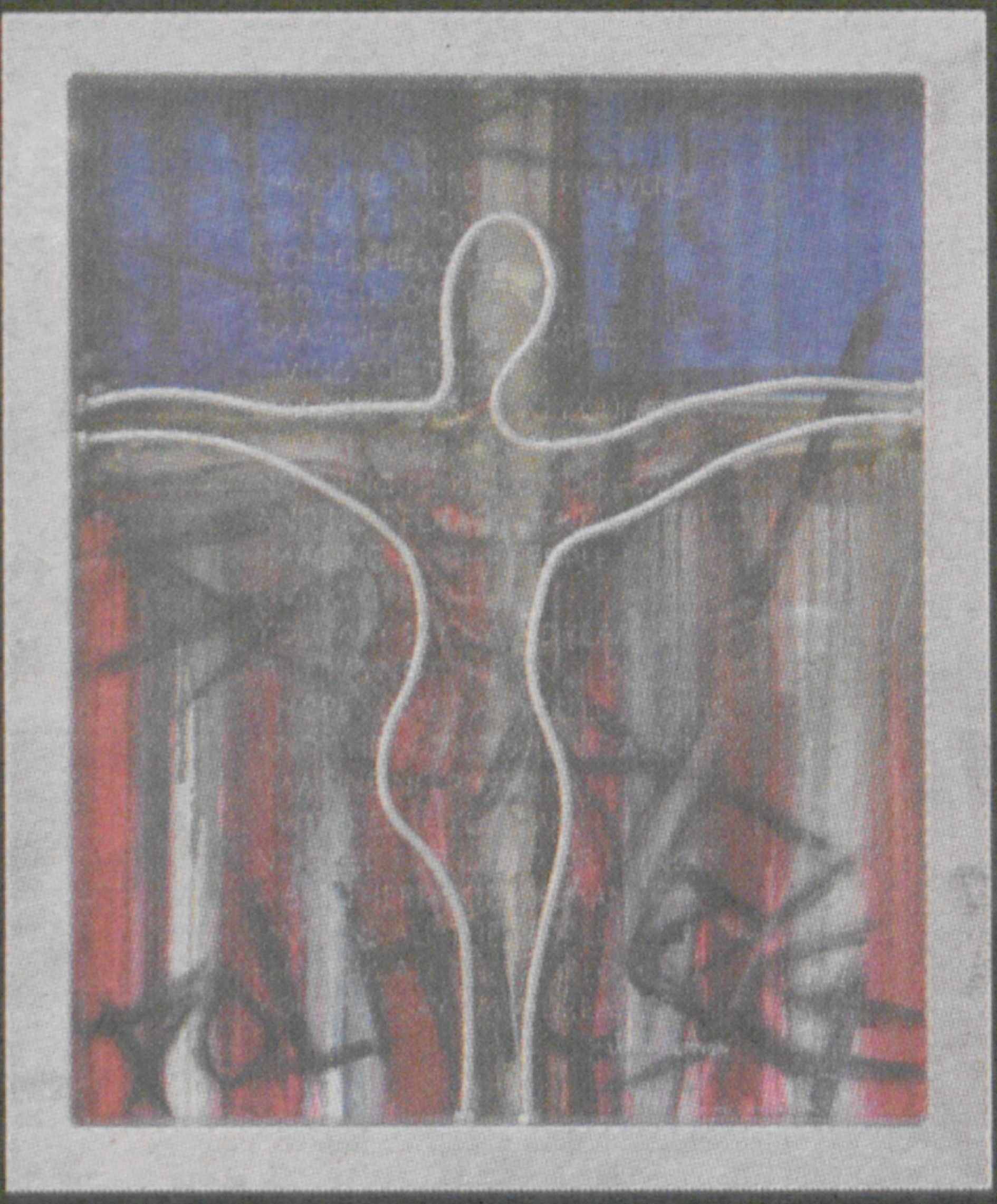

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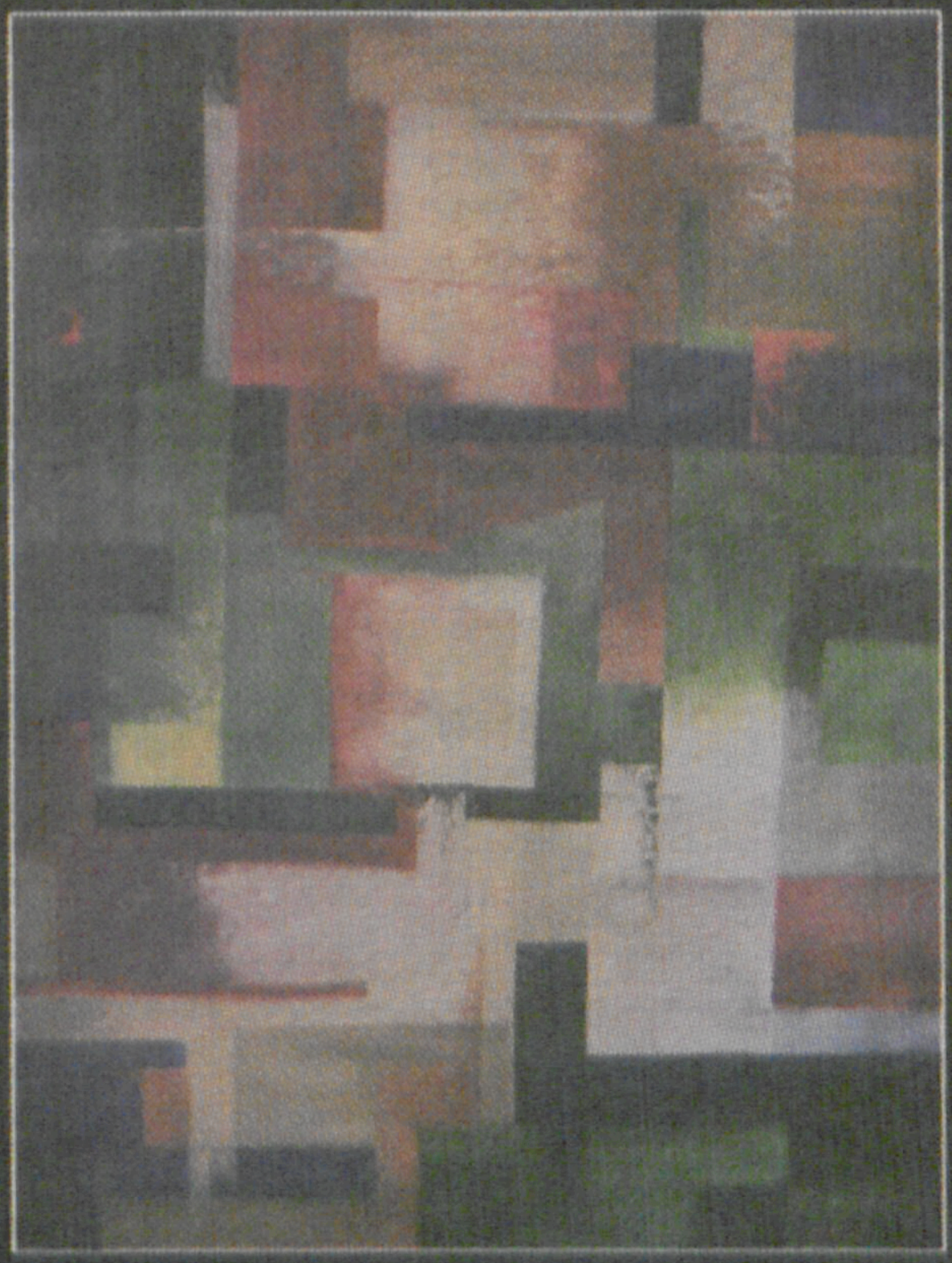

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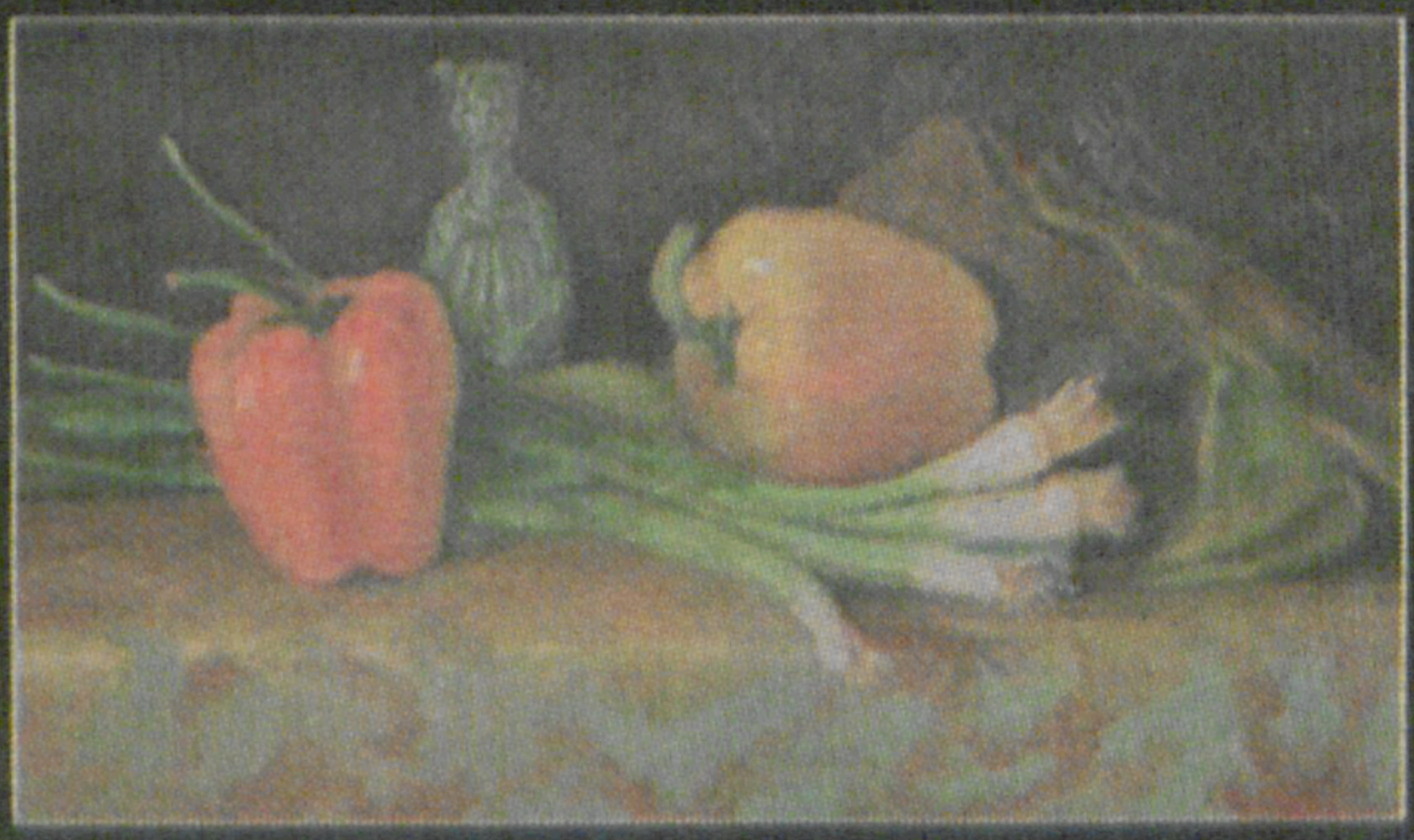

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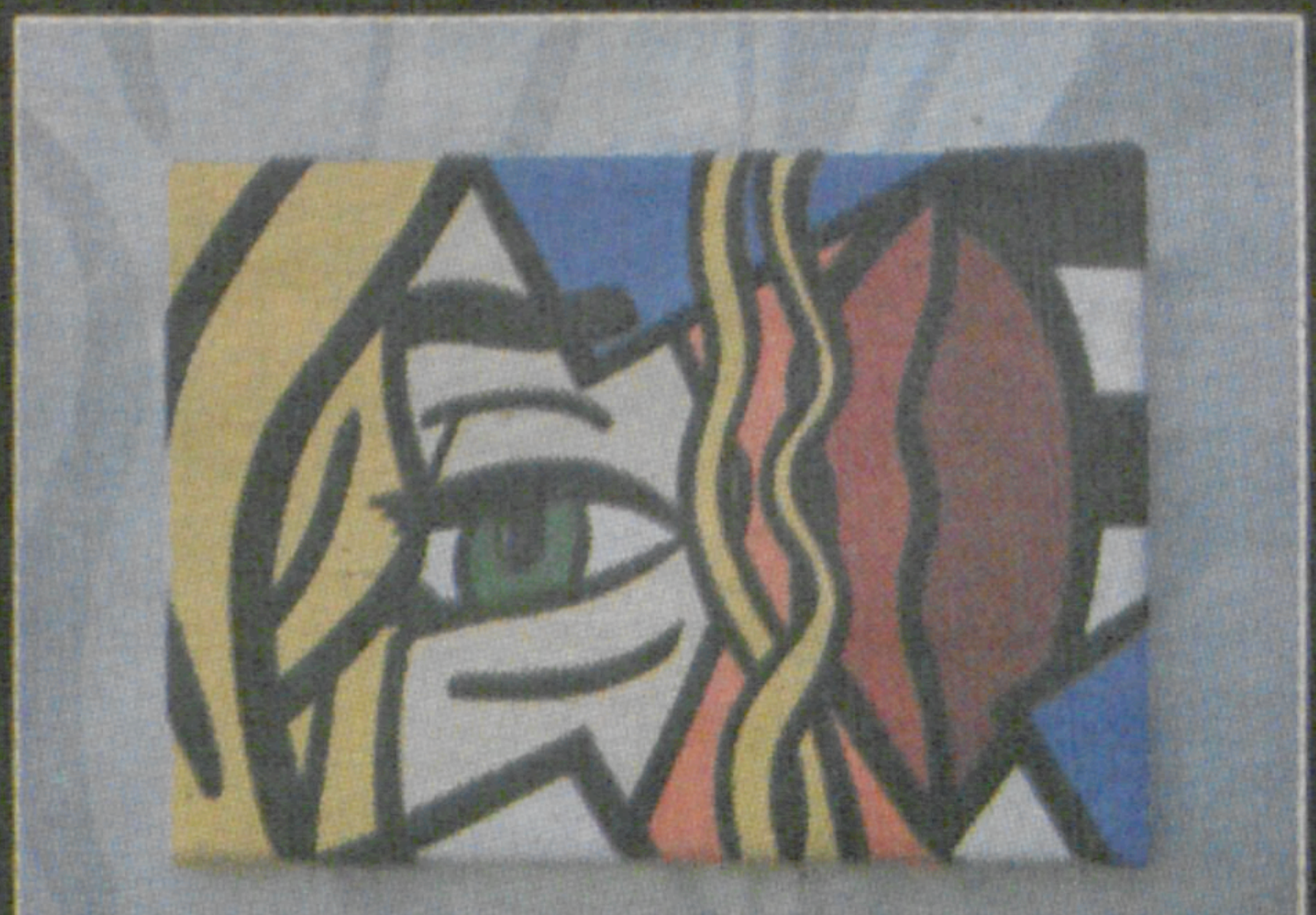

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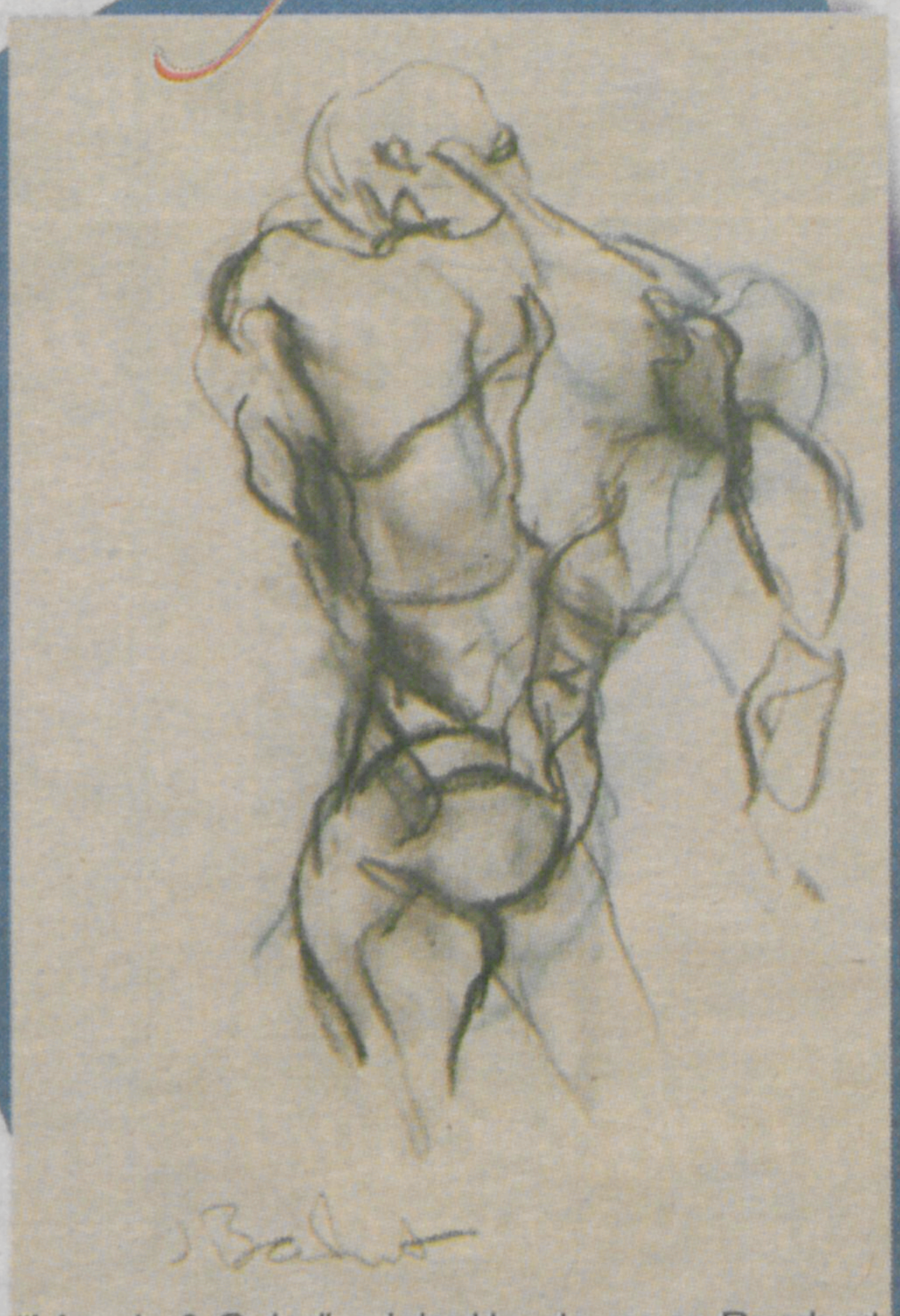

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Artist Rachelle Lowe Featured at Elizabeth Anne Interiors

Left, Liz Miceli, owner of Elizabeth Anne Interiors, and artist Rachelle Lowe

Rachelle Lowe discovered her creativity at an early age when she started to draw and paint.

Lowe was raised in the Pennsylvania countryside where she discovered creatures like praying mantises, cicadas and katydids. Lowe connected with insects and they've been a source of inspiration and subject of study throughout her early art career.

Lowe attended the Maryland Institute College of Art where she studied ceramics, drawing, printmaking and sculpture. She earned a Ceramics BFA in 2003 and after, working in Baltimore art museums, returning to Pennsylvania in 2006.

She currently works as a creative consultant and curator while serving the community with her knowledge of nutrition and passion for well-being. Lowe hopes to realize her lifelong dream of creating a community program for children and adults that combines art, music and healing.

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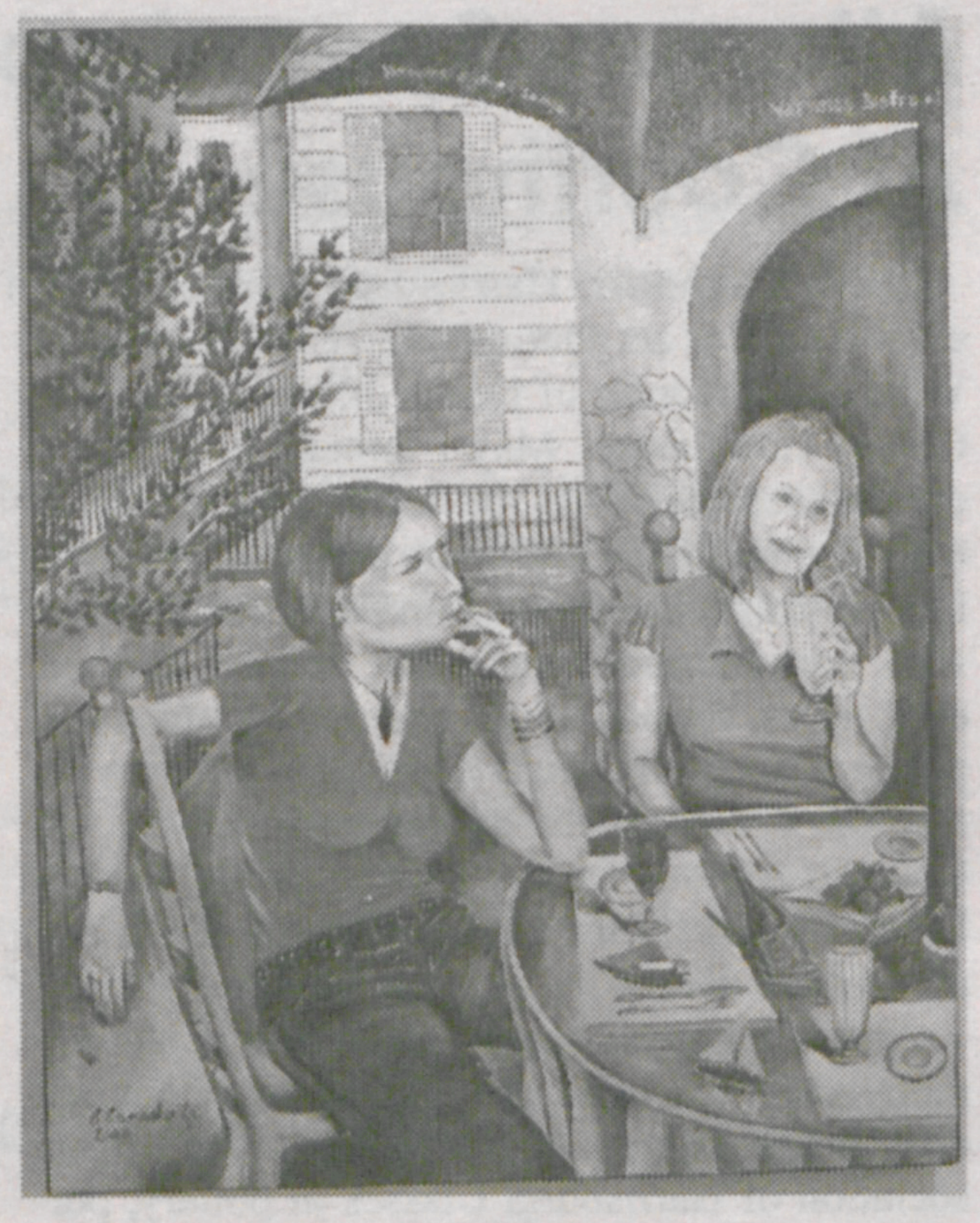

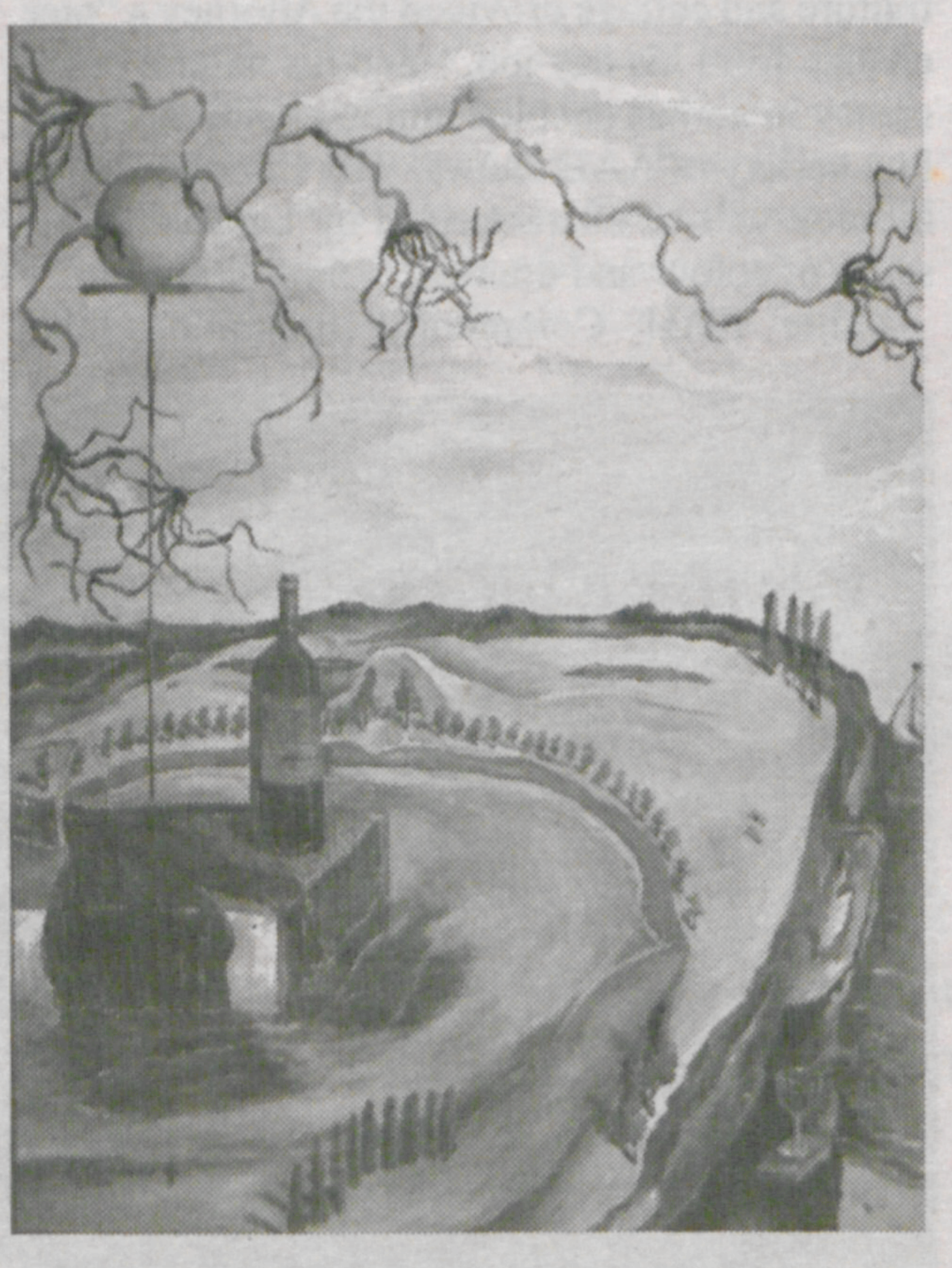

Ernesto was graduated from Reading High School in 1997, furthering his studies at Kutztown University in art education and working as an intern at the Escuela Artes Plasticas in San Juan, Puerto Rico. There, he worked with mentally challenged children and shared with them his love for art.

"I have always wanted to challenge my self by taking larger projects. While in high school, I painted a large mural in honor of Salvador Dali," Ernesto says. The mural can still be viewed in the hall ways of Reading High School. "Painting that mural has given me the love and passion to paint in large scales and further my career as a muralist painter."

In 1998, Ernesto was commissioned to paint a permanent mural in a nursing home in Ocean County, NJ. The mural depicts the history and culture of Atlantic City. "A couple of years later, I painted a mural at the Reading Art Museum in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month." The painting is rich with cultural symbols and icons from countries such as, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Nicaragua and is a part of the museum's education collection and is located at the Reading Hispanic Center.

In 2005, Ernesto painted a mural at Viva Good Life Bistro and Lounge. The mural is located in the exclusive "Wine Cellar" which is used for private dining. "I created an 'old world' ambiance by focusing on the vineyards that can be found in Tuscany and other Italian locations. "Since than I have been commissioned for other murals, most recently by Turnberry Custom Homes, a construction company that requested I paint a mural for their first home featured in the Parade of Homes, Berks County. The mural was painted on a vaulted ceiling and gives the illusion that you are looking up in the sky from underneath a tree.

Most recently, Ernesto completed work on a mural for Muhlenburg Township municipal building, depicting township history and its founder Henry Mulenburg. The mural is 25 feet long.

Ernestos' work has been displayed at Viva, The Reading Art Museum, City Espresso, Freyberger Gallery at Penn State Berks, The Goggle Works ," Las Hobras Exhibit", and Muhlenberg Art Gallery. His work has been popular in the Reading Eagle, La Voz, West Wide Weekly, and Berks County Living.

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ARTS at 510 Features Donna Anderson and Eric Yoho

Susan Schreckengaust, owner of ARTS at 510, 510 North Third Street, Harrisburg, recently announced upcoming exhibits. The July 13-31 exhibit will feature acrylic portrait paintings of Donna Anderson of Oddisgood.net (OIG®) of New Cumberland.

The August 3-31 exhibit will feature the oil paintings of Eric Yoho.

An opening meet-the-artists reception will be held July 13 and August 3 from 5:10-7:10 during the Arts at 510's infamous Hang at 510 event, complete with food and live entertainment.

Donna Anderson

Donna Anderson, multi-talented as a weaver, photographer, seamstress, and painter resides in New Cumberland. She earned her BFA in textile design and BA in graphic design from East Carolina University. She also holds an associates degree in graphic arts. She has been published and featured several times in Quilting Arts Magazine; Cloth, Paper, Scissors Magazine; Chambliss Art Studio, Destin, FL. Among her many endeavors, Donna began creating clothes in 2001 and shortly afterward launched OIG®, a one-of-a-kind clothing line for little girls sizes 2T-8. She sold her clothing designs to customers throughout the U.S. via her website and locally in independent boutiques.

Today, Donna's ambitions have led her to painting where she creatively preserves cherished memories for her clients. Her oil portraitures, which will be featured in the exhibit, are two to six feet large and authentically capture her subjects. Donna remains an exercise enthusiast, tree lover, mother of two, devoted wife and busy volunteer nourishing her creative appetite whenever the opportunity presents itself for her to escape to her studio.

Eric Yoho

Eric Yoho grew up in Greenwich CT and now lives in New Cumberland. Eric's biography may be short in length, but his style and technique are long on talent and originality. While working on his BFA in painting from Pennsylvania State University, Eric earned the honor of a solo show in the PSU Art Department's Patterson Gallery, for which he received high praise.

Since graduating in 2002, Eric has continued to paint in his studio in New Cumberland, developing an atmospheric impasto style while coaxing chromatic harmonies which illuminate his canvases. His ability to capture the scenes of the Susquehanna River, its bridges and view of the city of Harrisburg, is unmatched in originality and brilliant color choice. From single works to multi-paneled installations measuring 6 inches to 8 feet, his works have earned much-appreciated accolades and commercial success from many private art collectors throughout Central Pennsylvania.

In addition to his commitment to painting, since February, 2007, Eric can also be found as an employee of Amy Bohl-Fabian, owner of the Custom Frame Shoppe, which is housed within the Arts at 510 Gallery. Previously he worked in framing for various national and local companies. His specialties are residential and corporate sales as well as the physical building and assembly of glass, mats and frames. Eric has mastered the technique of the Wizard program which is a high-tech framing tool.

Hang at 510

In keeping with the much favored monthly first Friday events, Hang at 510 returns on July 13 and August 3, in conjunction with the Donna Anderson and Eric Yoho art receptions. Great food and live music complete both evenings' events. More details will be announced soon on both events. As always, the Hang at 510 takes place from 5:10-7:10 pm.

ARTS at 510, located at 510 North Third Street, Harrisburg, is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with extended hours for artist receptions. The gallery phone number is 717.724.0364 and their website address is www.artsat510.com.

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Art Association of Harrisburg Offers Summer classes

Registrations are being accepted for summer art classes for youth and adults at the Art Association of Harrisburg. The summer semester begins July 16 and runs for 6 weeks and is this year by PSECU.

Art in the Park, the popular 2-week program for kids age 5-12, runs July 16-27 and is sponsored by The Milton Hershey School.

New this semester is a "Soft Stone Carving Workshop" taught by Jim Youngman, who maintained a NYC sculpture studio and school for many years before moving to central Pennsylvania. This class is offered Wednesday afternoons in the Reservoir Park Sculpture Studio. Other three-dimensional classes for adults include Beginning Pottery, Advanced Glazing Techniques, Wheel Pottery, and Clay Sculpture, all held in Reservoir Park.

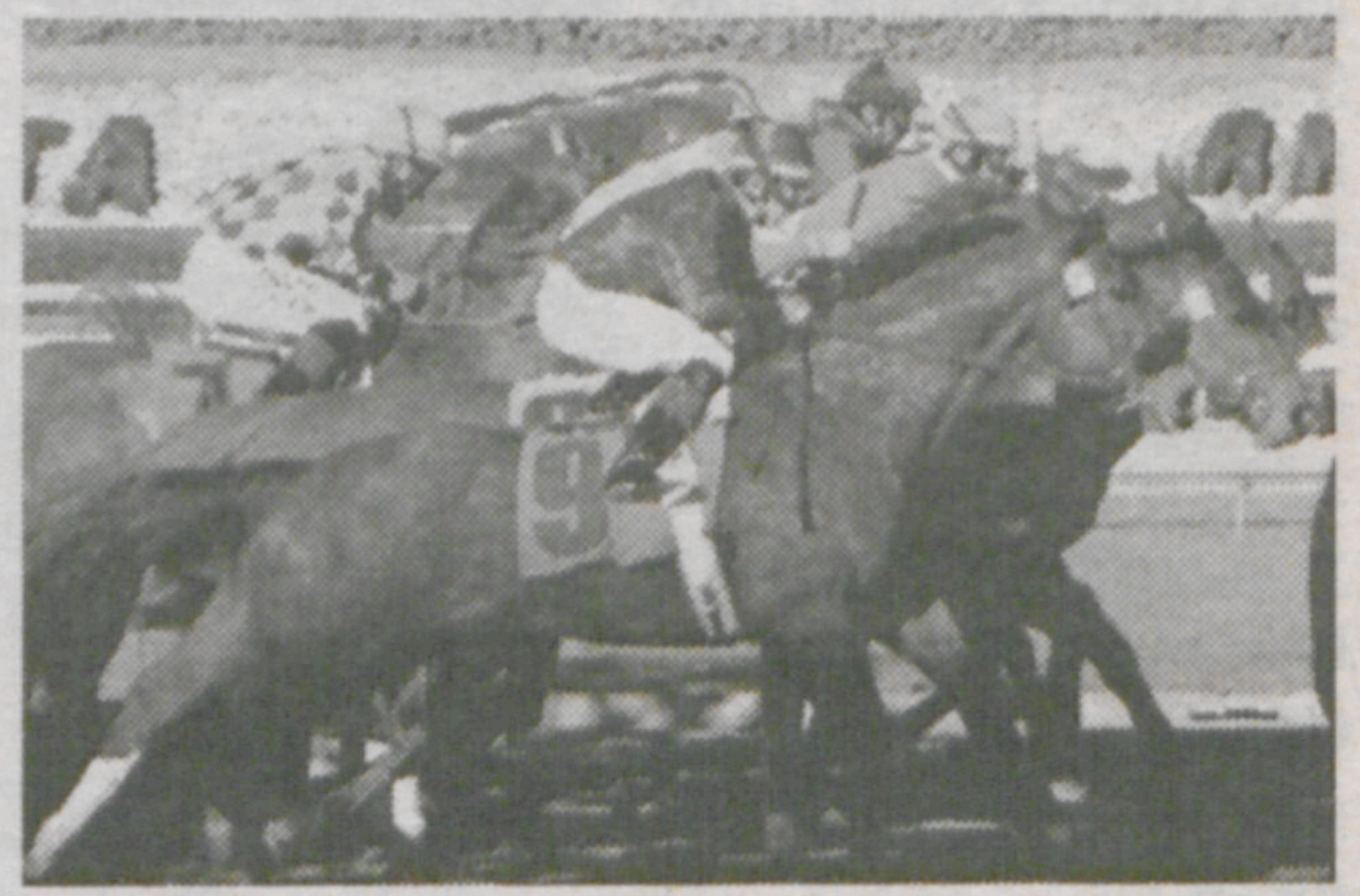
Adult drawing courses will include: Basic Drawing, Portraiture, and Life Study Workshop. Painting classes comprise Basic Oil, Landscape, Basic Watercolor, Basic Acrylic, and Depicting Wildlife and Domestic Animals.

Classes for youth include: Art for Kids and Drawing and Painting for Kids, both for ages 5-7; Multi-Media for Teens, ages 10-15; Junior Drawing and Painting, ages 8-10; Clay for Kids, ages 8-12; Fantasy Art, ages 10-adult; and Cartooning, ages 10-adult.

Art in the Park, for ages 5-12, will offer youth an opportunity to learn mixed media or pottery in the Reservoir Park studios. The two-week program, July 16-27, consists of classes from 10 AM to noon five days per week. The cost of Art in the Park is $150 per child, although scholarships are available for those with financial need.

Call 717-236-1432 for brochure, tuition, dates, and times.

Attorney Spero Lappas Exhibits Photos At Courthouse



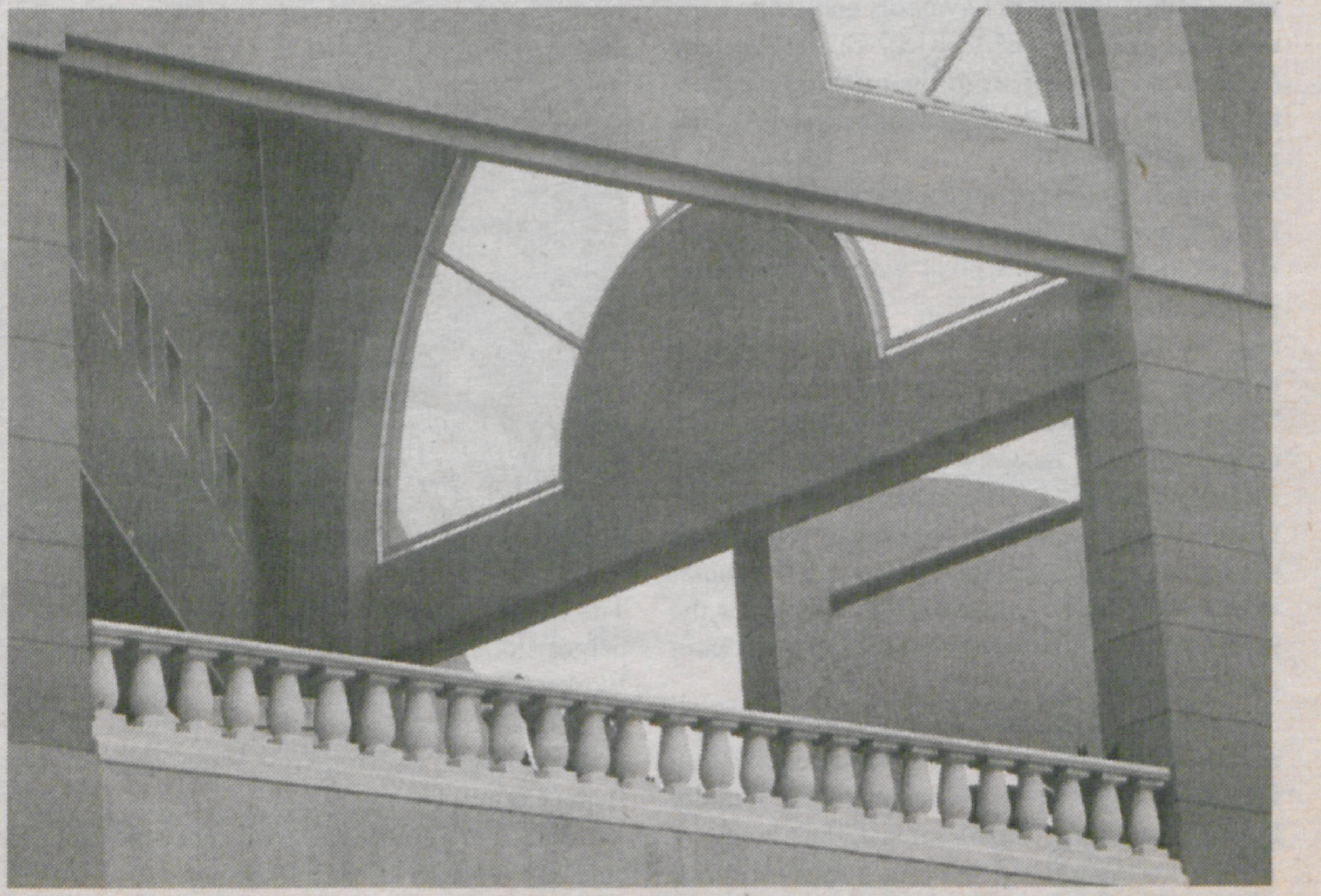
Spero T. Lappas, Harrisburg attorney , will exhibit his fine art photography in the Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds offices in Dauphin County Courthouse, May 1 through July 30, under the auspices of The Art Association of Harrisburg Community Exhibition program. Attorney Lappas practices litigation and criminal defense, with concentrations in major felony defense, civil rights, serious injury and death claims, and police misconduct. He is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Courty, the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuite, the US District Court for the Middle District of PA, and all PA state courts.

Attorney Lappas began his interest in photography about ten years ago, and branched out into other media through taking classes at the Art Association of Harrisburg. Classes in pottery, portraiture and collage provided the Attorney a "nice change from his day job," and his natural proficiency in art has enabled him to exhibit his work in a variety of AAH shows. His Courthouse exhibition will be characterized by Lappas's vivid sense of colour and dramatic composition.

Other AAH Community Exhibitions this spring include plein air watercolour and oil landscapes by Dr. William Anderson at Reservoir Mansion, April through the end of May; paintings and graphics by Diane Zinn at Temple University Harrisburg, through June; and collages by Linda Benton McCloskey at Penn State Harrisburg, through June 30.

Photos by Jeffrey Stoner are on view in the lobby of Penn National Insurance through April 30, with oils by Bryan Molloy showing at the Downtown Improvement District Visitors' Centre.

Call the Art Association of Harrisburg at 236-1432 for more information on all these exhibitions.



Stallions' DJ Barry's MUSIC REVIEW

Hits Trend

Electro

Every once in awhile a new sound comes along. The sound usually evolves from some genre of music that already exists. The new sound is electro. Basically it is upbeat club music with more of an electronic and hollow vibe. In the big city dance clubs it is coming on strong. Back here in the smaller cities, we pick up a little sampling of it as it evolves. It isn't for everyone but for the hardcore club goers you can really move to it.

"Shake & Pop"

One big song on the scene right now is "Shake & Pop" by Green Velvet. Curtis Jones is the man behind Green Velvet and is one of Chicago's top producers of house music. This is a perky song with some crazy synth sounds and a catchy vocal hook.

"Sex an' Money"

A song I have been playing for a while is "Sex an' Money" by Paul Oakenfold. Paul is known as a great circuit party DJ and also releases some of his own songs. The song has repeating rugged beats, fat bass lines, and some catchy vocal chorus that sticks in your head long after the song is over.

"Shining Star"

Another new electro song is "Shining Star" by the group Get-Far. The song has a wonderful groove and the keyboard arrangements bring the whole song to life.

More songs to listen for:

"Truly, Madly, Deeply"

"Truly, Madly, Deeply" by the group Cascada. This song is a remake originally done by the late group Savage Garden. Cascada is made up of two producers and a lead sing by the name of Natalie Horler.

"Every Time We Touch"

Their first release "Every Time We Touch" was a big radio and club song hit. This time around they crank up this tune with a techno beat that will move your feet. The whole CD is great for those who like a fun and poppy collection of songs. There is a lot of remakes on the full length CD that you will remember from the past.

"Automatic"

Ultra Nate is back on the club scene with the remake "Automatic" originally done by the Pointer Sisters. Ultra Nate comes to us from Baltimore Maryland. She has been in the club music scene for years. Some of her other hits include "Free", "Found A Cure", and "New Kind Of Medicine". This time she uses her powerfully seductive vocals to crank out a remake done as well as it was originally.

Songs still riding high in the dance clubs.

"Tell Me"

Diddy with Christina Aguilera has the floor still jumping with "Tell Me". The song has a good arrangement and the vocals just flow. Then there is just Christina Aguilera with her stand out song "Candyman". You won't find anything as musically unique as this one. Don't forget about Rihanna with her smash hit "Umbrella". The repeating vocals stick in your mind like glue. Fergie keeps you clapping with the song "Glamorous". Fergie continues to release hit after hit to make her mark in the music world and she is here to stay. To round out the songs still in play is "Beautiful Lair" by Shakira and Beyonce. These two divas can sing like there is no tomorrow and there is no stopping them.

Discreet Existence: Tab Hunter and Farley Granger

by John DiLeo

In Hollywood's Golden Age, what was it like to be both a movie star and a gay man? It was, by necessity, a discreet existence. That hasn't changed in the years since, with the number of "out" stars is still minimal.

But in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s, audiences were shielded even from explicitly gay characters, never mind having to accept any of the stars themselves as gay. Those who balanced stardom and a gay orientation during those years are mostly gone, without having documented their stories for interested historians and film buffs.

Imagine if we had autobiographies from gay actors like Charles Laughton, Ramon Novarro, and Montgomery Clift, or a book by Cary Grant or Randolph Scott about their cohabitation and studio-necessitated split. It surely would've been fun to read about who slept with whom, but more importantly these books would've provided invaluable pictures of gay Hollywood from a time when homosexuality was publicly unmentionable. Many of these stars have been subjects of fine biographies that openly addressed the actors' orientations, but it's not the same as hearing from the men themselves. With their personal stories gone forever, part of our history has gone with them.

Rock Hudson's book probably wouldn't have happened had not Hudson's 1985 death from AIDS been imminent. Essentially an authorized biography (by Sara Davidson) with Hudson's autobiographical asides, it was published posthumously. Richard Chamberlain wrote *Shattered Love* (2003) but, despite Chamberlain's openness about being gay, it was a dud. Too bad that 1940s boy-next-door superstar Van Johnson, now 90, is probably not up to telling his story. A book from Johnson could shed light on those rumors about his covered-up arrests on morals charges, and the fake scandal MGM engineered to proclaim his heterosexuality: Johnson stole and then married the wife of pal Keenan Wynn.

The good news is the recent publication of two priceless first-person accounts of gay Hollywood, books by blond 1950s dreamboat Tab Hunter and darkly handsome 1940s-50s leading man Farley Granger. Co-authored by Eddie Muller, the engaging and direct *Tab Hunter Confidential* (2005, now in paperback) charts Hunter's blast to stardom in the butch wartime soap *Battle Cry* (1955), making him a twinkling teen idol to millions of girls and an obvious target for *Confidential* magazine, the rag that preyed on stars with secrets.

John DiLeo

At the height of his popularity, Hunter had a two-year relationship with a pre-*Psycho* Anthony Perkins. Their publicity-minded double dates ended with the women delivered safely home while the guys ended up in bed. Hunter lived as authentically as the times allowed: "I never 'acted' straight to get by. I wasn't 'getting away' with something. I behaved the same way all the time. With me, what you saw is what you got—and what you didn't see was none of your business." Today, long away from the glare, Hunter is happily paired with longtime partner Allan Glaser.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Farley Granger at the 2005 Black Bear Film Festival in Milford. Granger is a warm, unpretentious man whose excellent book, *Include Me Out* (co-authored by Robert Calhoun, Granger's partner for 45 years), is the story of someone who has always been his own person. On his love life: "I have loved men. I have loved women. I will talk with affection and without guilt or remorse about both in this book." He lost his virginity to a woman, then to a man, on the same night! His lovers include Leonard Bernstein, Ava Gardner, and French hunk Jean Marais. Granger lived with playwright Arthur Laurents in the late 1940s and had an unconventional friendship-romance with Shelley Winters. His most celebrated films have gay associations: Hitchcock's gay-themed thrillers *Rope* (1948) and *Strangers on a Train* (1951); the film noir *They Live by Night* (1948), directed by bisexual Nicholas Ray; and *Senso* (1954), directed by gay Luchino Visconti.

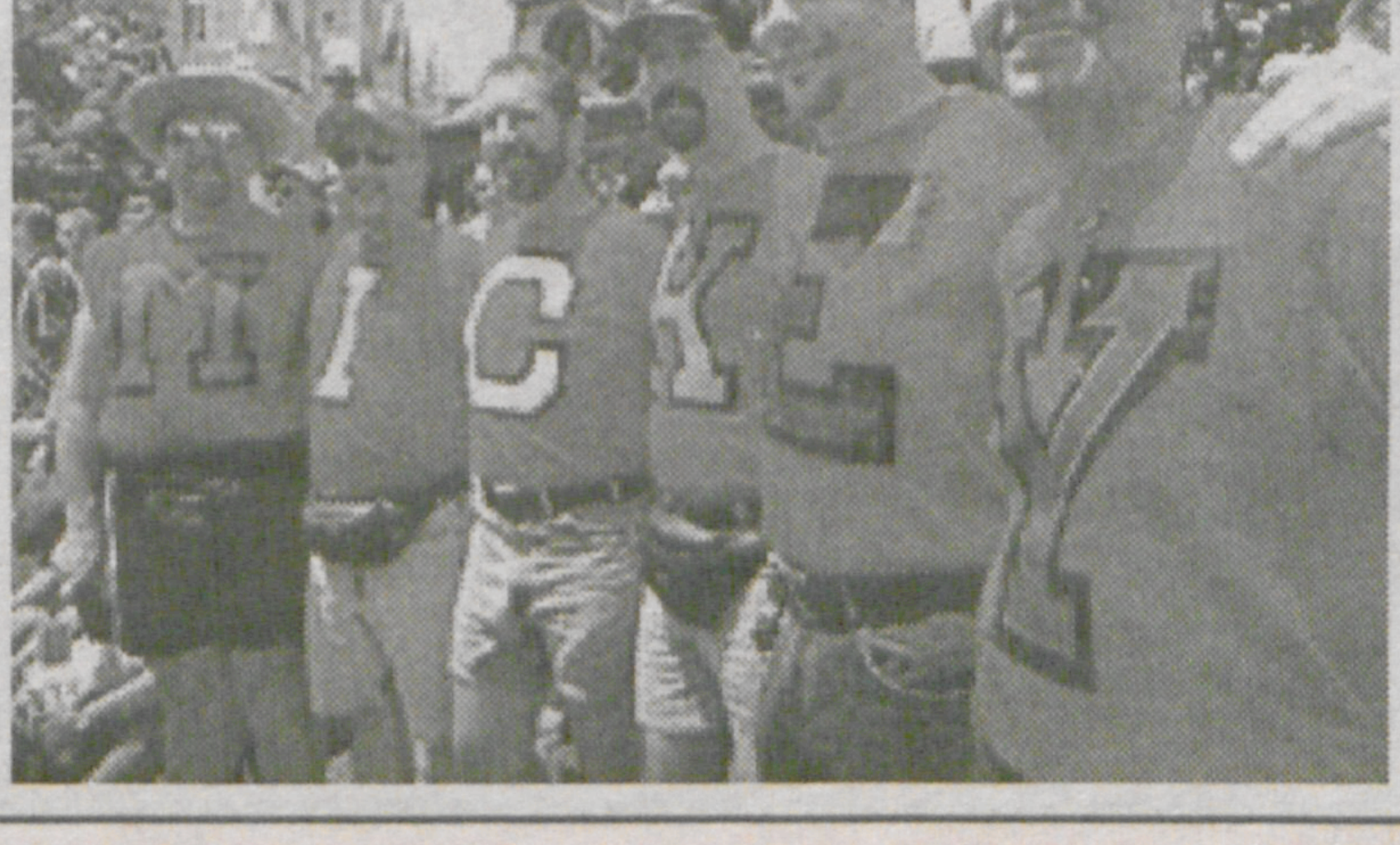
Never under the teen-idol pressure that dogged Tab Hunter, Granger's sexuality received less speculation, not that it would have mattered to him. He ditched Hollywood in the mid 1950s to pursue a New York career in live television and the theatre, becoming an accomplished stage actor. His life is an inspiring example of following one's heart and making the right choices for the right reasons. He achieved artistic fulfillment, and his private life has been led as genuinely and instinctively as his career. His book also features some amazing encounters with, among others, Dietrich, Merman, and Crawford.

These two books help the gay community stake more of its claim on Hollywood history. Perhaps others will join the conversation and lessen our invisibility. Maybe Van Johnson has been working on a book after all.

John DiLeo's most recent book is *100 Great Film Performances You Should Remember But Probably Don't.*

MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

FAIRY TALE... Weddings



This will give professional Christians heartburn, especially Evangelical narcissists convinced they know better than everyone about everything. The Walt Disney Co. now offers its popular Fairy Tale Wedding program to same-sex couples hosting commitment ceremonies. Until recently, the program was limited to couples with a valid marriage license. Ceremonies are available for gay couples at Disney's parks and its cruise line at California's Disneyland and Florida's Walt Disney World Resort.

The packages start at $8,000 and can run over $45,000, which includes such touches as specialty landscaping, Sleeping Beauty's Castle as a backdrop, and Mickey and Minnie - dressed in formal attire - putting in an appearance.

Gay & Lesbian Christian Group Helps Others Heal

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Inspired by the biblical quote: "Since we have great hope, we will act with great boldness." (2 Corinthians 3.12), they share personal stories in the hope of helping others.

Each had been through some really rough stuff. Experiences that left them alone, unappreciated, and unworthy and angry at the church and God. After sharing their feelings in late-night telephone talks and over refilled cups of coffee, 3.12 was born.

First, they sang for each other. They found time to gather in a recital hall where David teaches and they sang.

Here are their stories.

Jason

As a toddler, Jason lined up his toy musical instruments and bottles and he banged on them in sequence, in awe of the sounds he made. Eventually, he studied music and technology at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he earned a Bachelor of Music in Audio Recording. Then he commenced his professional recording career in Nashville, TN. After a few years slaving in the studio circuit, Jason worked in commercial music. Although he didn't find the content and subject matter fulfilling, commercial music offered Jason steady work hours. He returned to the region to be closer to his parents and sister.

Spiritually, Jason's journey had been plagued with feelings of guilt and confusion as he felt himself growing into a non-heterosexual man. He eventually developed strong feelings of animosity towards anything inherently religious.

Jason realized he had a gift in singing, and believed it was a crime not to share the gift. Jason met David and then Deb, and began sharing his gift. Jason now works as an audio specialist for JPL Productions, a leading media communications company in the central Pennsylvania region. He hopes to someday adopt a child. E-mail him at jason@threetwelve.net.

Deb

Deb's journey has seen many paths—always seeking to know God, in times of desperation clinging to the scripture verse, Jeremiah 29.11: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'for a future and a hope, not for destruction or despair.'" Deb's search led her to many churches - Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal/Charasmatic, and mainstream non-denominational - but she is currently a member of an affirming Christian church, Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit.

Music became a passion for Deb in her teen years, although she struggled with severe stage fright and would get ill whenever she was scheduled to sing in front of people. Today, Deb has overcome this aspect of sharing her gift and has grown into the spiritual knowledge of the Holy Spirit residing in and through her.

Deb was the fourth of five children (and the first girl), and was raised to be a proper little lady—so it was a challenge to be true to herself regarding her homosexuality. She married a man in her early 20s and had two great kids over 10 years. Deb found her soul mate and life partner, Lisa, 20 years later. These two ladies now raise Deb's children, along with their two dogs.

Deb has followed a career path in the property and casualty business insurance industry with Wells Fargo Insurance Services of Pennsylvania, Inc. Deb and Lisa live in Dillsburg. Email: deb@threetwelve.net.

David

By the age of 3, David was reaching up to his mom's piano keyboard and trying to play songs he heard on the radio. His parents signed him up for piano lessons. Eventually, attended Dickinson College, earning a B.A. in Music Composition & Theory.

David spent a number of years in congregational music ministry, but felt increasingly conflicted: through him, God seemed to use music to uncover deep, powerful emotions in his listeners - but it felt irresponsible to "get at" these deep feelings without helping folks to deal with them after the song ended. That quandary led David to Lancaster Theological Seminary, where he earned a M.Div. on the way to his ordination in the MCC Church.

Since ordination, David has become increasingly disillusioned with the church - the very systems that people of faith construct with the hopes of preserving their beliefs so often lead to what Søren Kierkegaard described as "Christianity—but no Christians."

For the time being, David has left the church and now teaches music at Dickinson. David and his life-partner, Mark, have been together since 1995 and share a home in Carlisle with their two feline "kids," Allegra and Toby. E-mail: david@threetwelve.net.

3.12 is supported by these businesses and individuals.

Lisa K. Crumlich
Lisa is a senior sales support associate for BISYS Insurance and volunteers keeping 31/2's beans counted.

Doug Nicotera
Doug is senior photographer for JPL Productions and donated his time (they did buy him a case of beer) for the gropu's first "official" photo shoot. See his work on their web site.

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Penrose takes care of the group's concert outfits and as an extra perk they allow the singers to "piggyback" on their P.O. Box for incoming snail mail.

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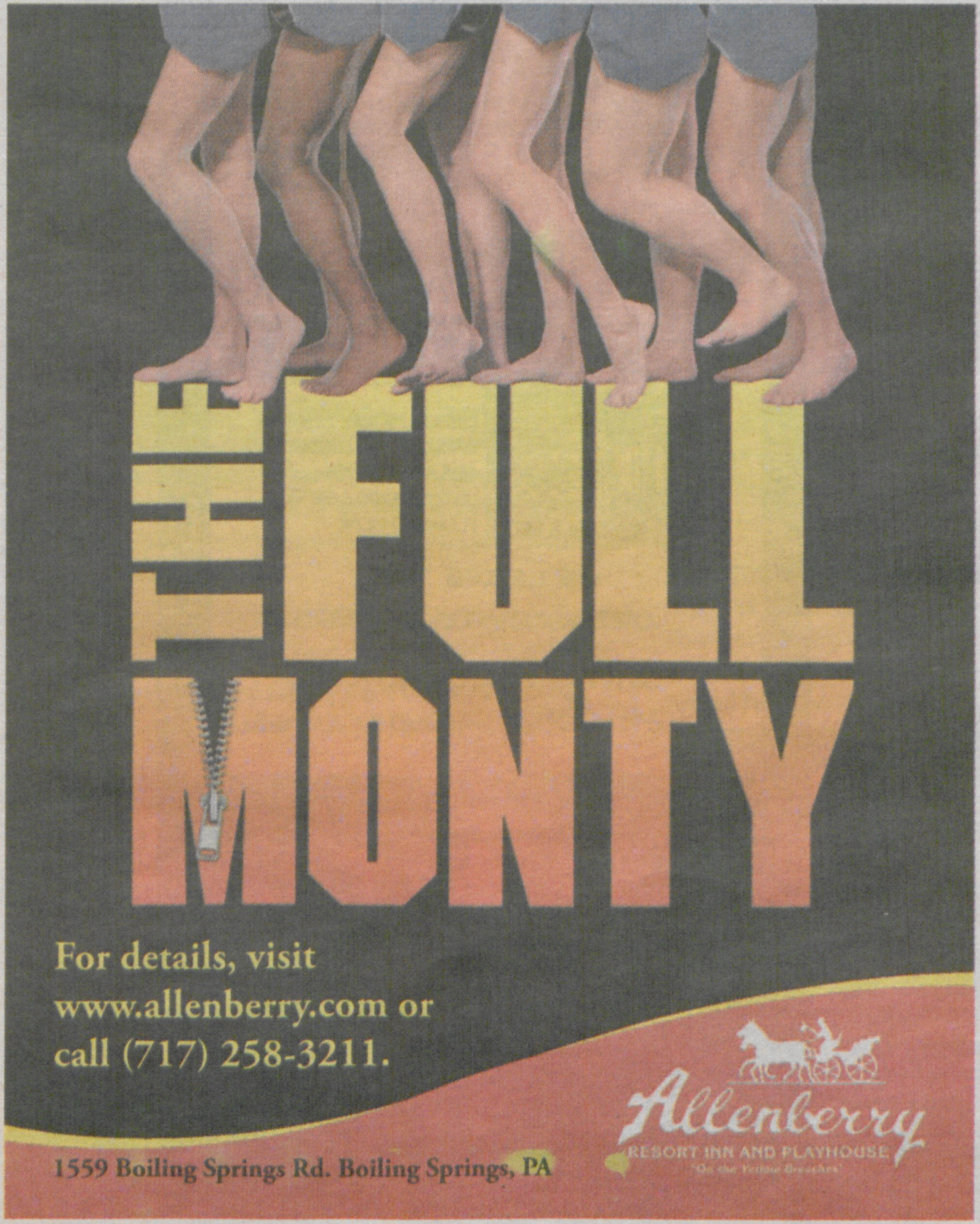

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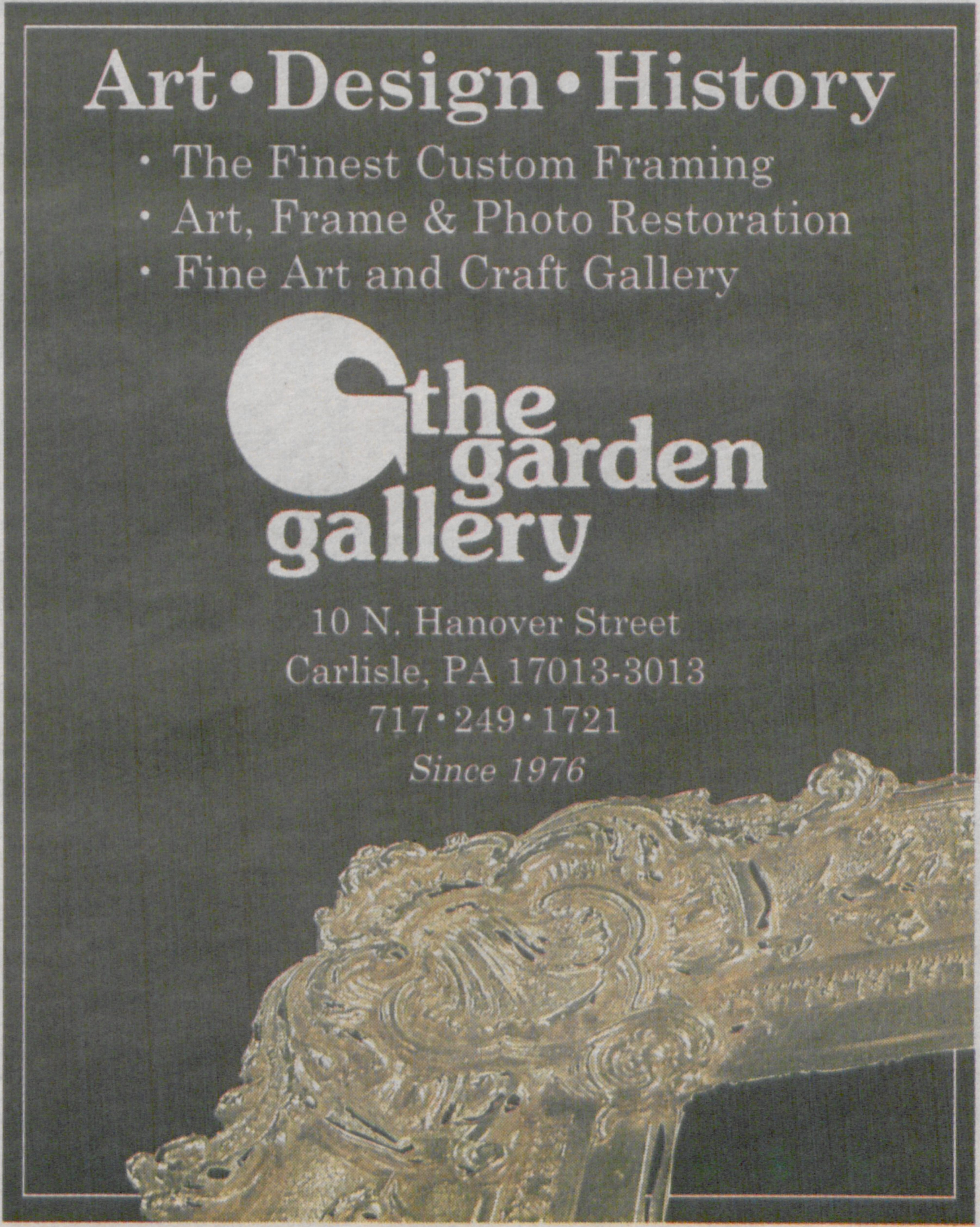
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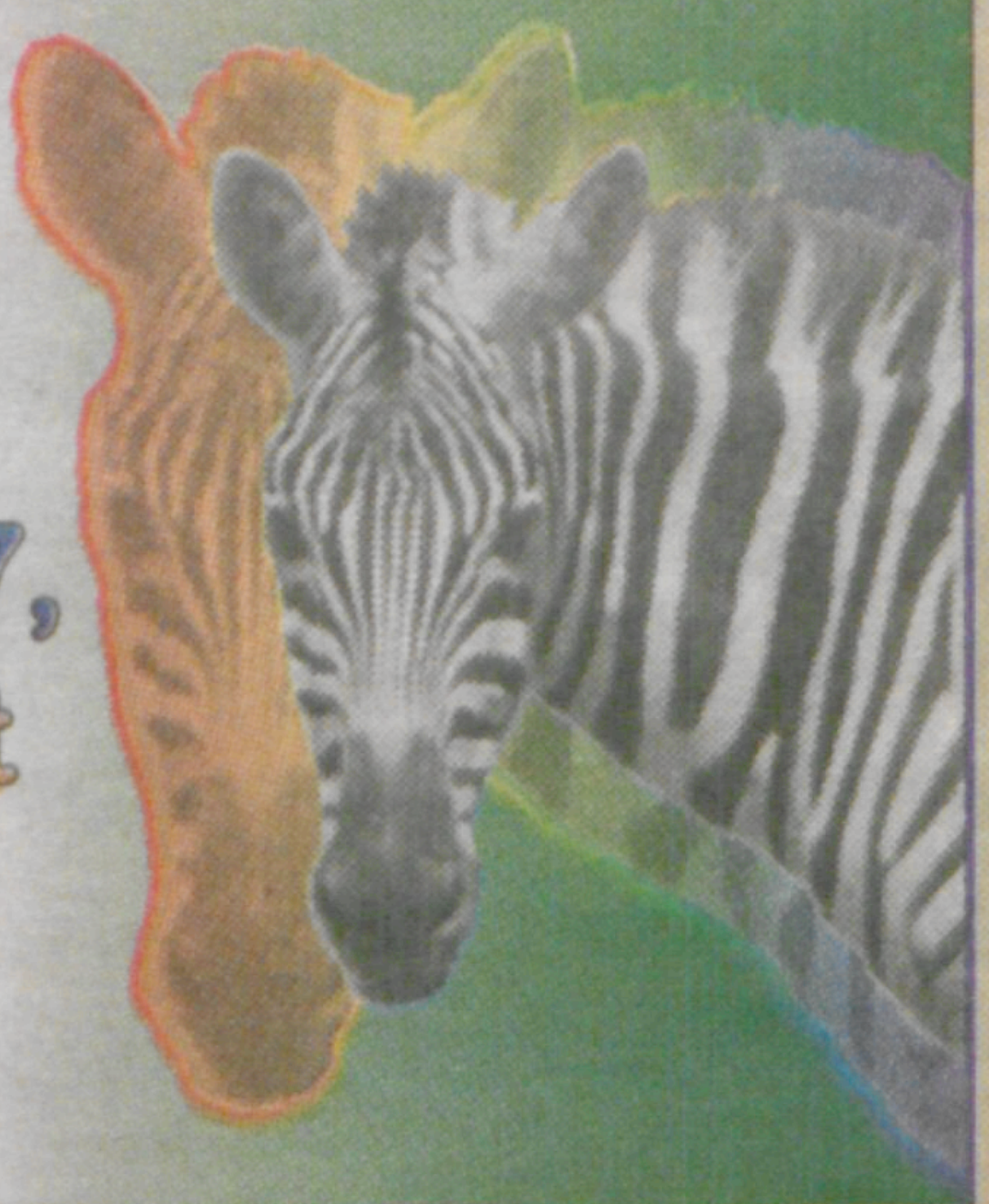

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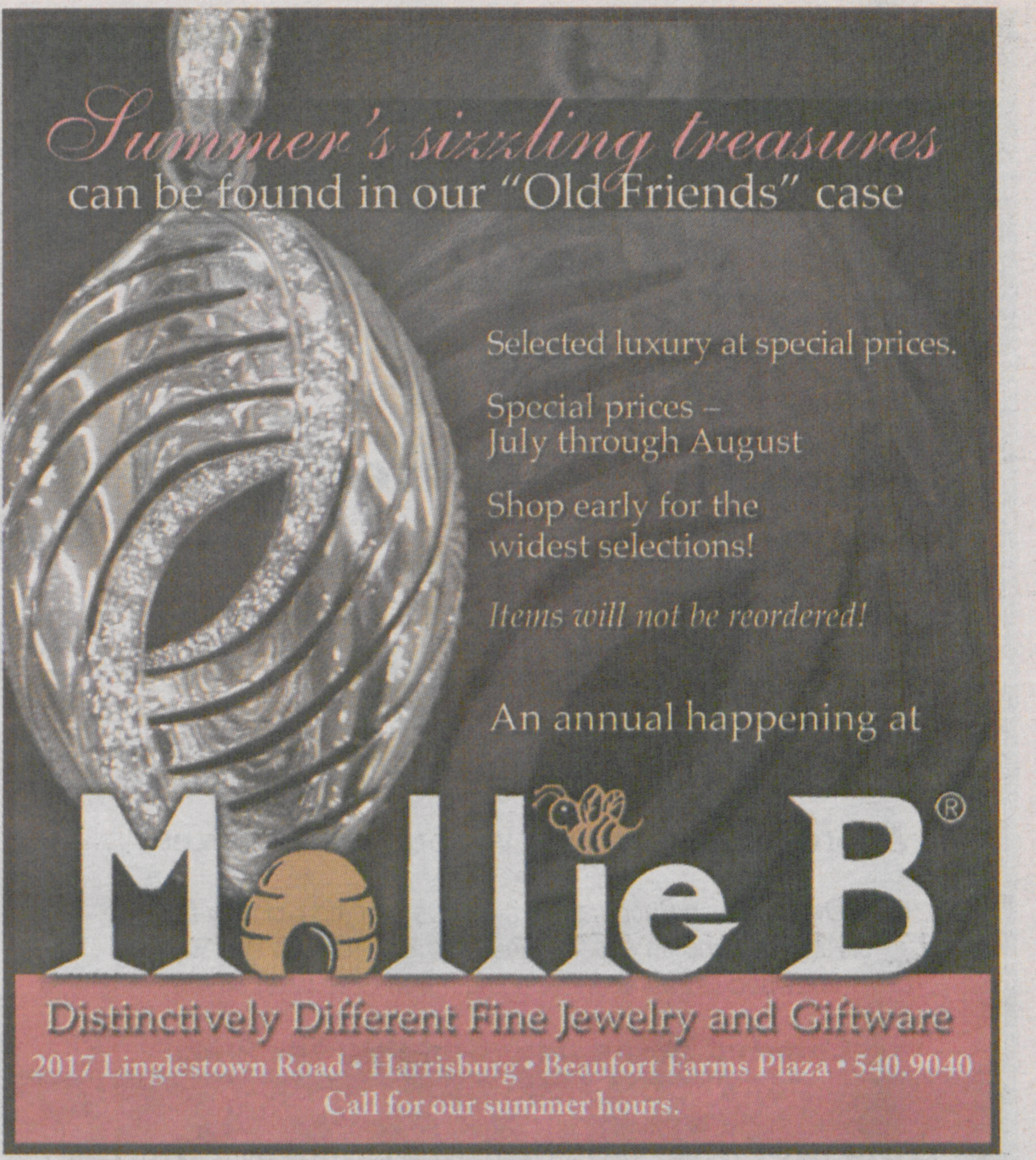

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3) If you die without a Will and have minor children, a court may appoint a guardian, which may not be the person you hoped to raise them.

4) Even if your estate is small, a Will is important If you die in an accident as a result of negligence, the persons named in your Will could benefit from an award or settlement.

5) As for funeral arrangements, if you do not give specific instructions, your partner will not have any legal right to carry out your wishes and could even be barred from the funeral services. Funeral arrangements made in advance will add weight to your wishes. See my website for further information.

6) Without a Will, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania decides who administers your Estate.

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"We have approximately 100 members, mostly from or within 25miles of Harrisburg. We have two members each from York, Lancaster, and Seminole, Florida," says co-chair Marshall Galinsky.

"Most club members are interested in vegetarianism for health reasons. A smaller number become vegetarians for moral reasons," Galinsky says. He says that often people initially interested for health reasons grow more committed for moral reasons after learning about factory farming.

"We have five or six events monthly and find that attendance varies with each event," Galinsky says. About 10 to 15 people attend the monthly book review, movie, and potluck, held as separate events. Restaurant visits range from 10 to 40 attendees. Special events, like speakers, have drawn from 25 to 40 people. Joint events with another organization have drawn more than 100 people. The group's bus trips and annual picnic draw about 20 to 25 people.

Galinsky sees growing local interest in the principles of the organization. "When the club was founded in 1999 by co-chairperson Mary Hope, we had about a half-dozen members. We have over 100 today and we seem to be well received when we set up informational booths at various local happenings. All our events are open to the public and you do not have to be a vegetarian to become a member," Galinsky explains.

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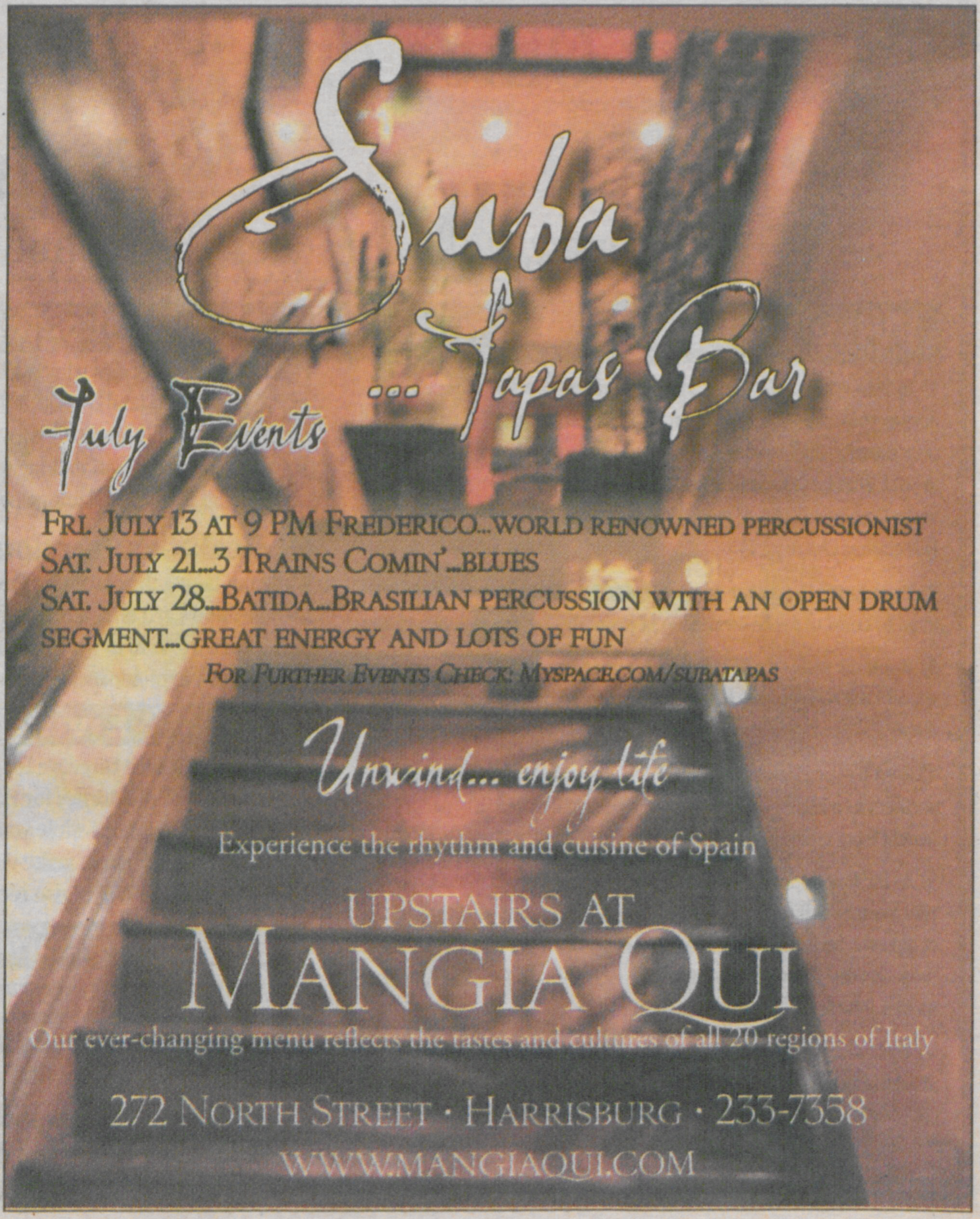

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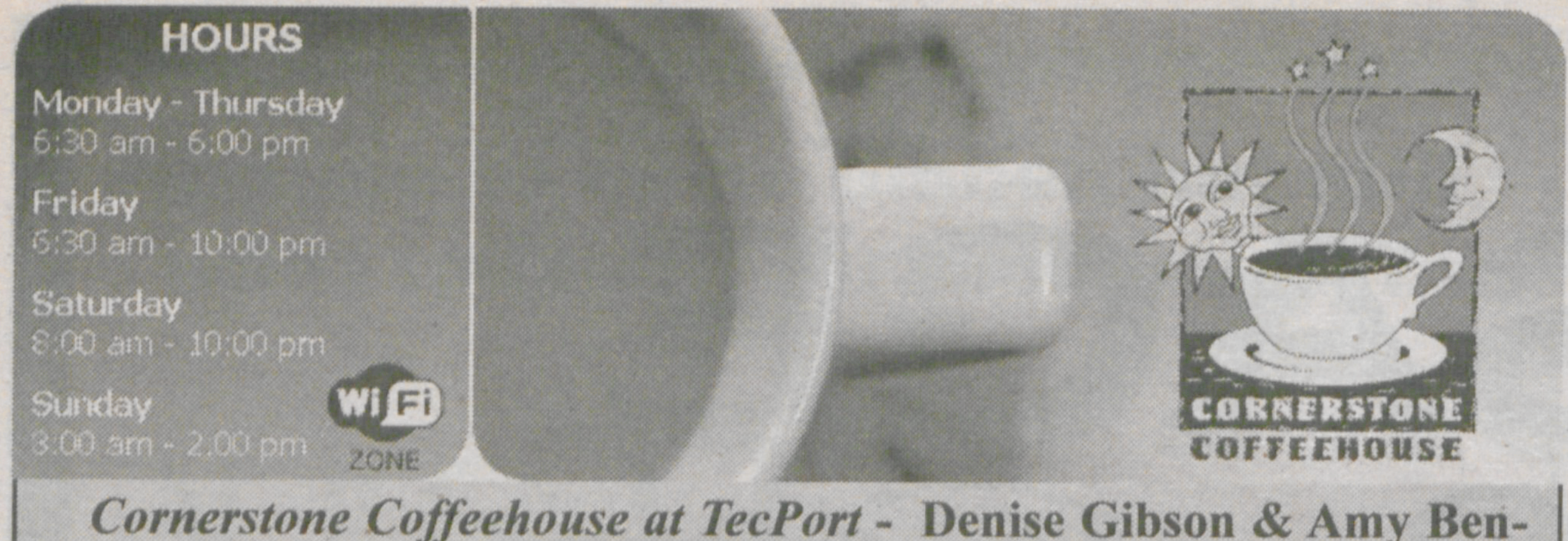

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Pure Tastes Offers Prepared Meals for Home

Pure Tastes offers Healthy Gourmet to Go. Located in the new State Street Plaza near the West Shore Farmers Market. Chef Kevin Bachman's dishes are prepared in a healthy Mediterranean style, using products such as olive oil, fresh herbs, and produce. Nuts or nut products are mentioned if used, and can be left out if requested. Additional dietary restrictions may be accommodated upon request.

"Our dishes are quick chilled after preparation," Bachman says. Unless otherwise noted, the meals are vacuum-sealed for food safety and extended shelf life without loss in quality. Additionally, the vacuum bag packaging is a "cook-in" bag, and is designed to simmer in water when reheating your food. "This method of reheating retains all the moisture in the food and results in a meal that looks and tastes as good as when it was first prepared," Bachman explains.

Bachman graduated from the Culinary Institute of America at the top of his class, and went straight to work at the prestigious "Inn of Little Washington" in Virginia. When he moved home to central Pennsylvania, he did not want to open a restaurant; he chose to create a shop where people can purchase gourmet-restaurant-quality food to serve in the comfort of their own homes.

Kevin cooks the entrees using fresh ingredients, including some organic and local foods, with no preservatives. He uses local purveyors and buys meats at the West Shore Farmer's Market. Everything, down to the soup stocks, is made from scratch.

Kevin and his wife, Rebekah, have a 3-year-old son; which is one of the main reasons he opened this unique business instead of a restaurant.

Sample meals include soups and family entrees. For the latest offerings, go to www.puretastes.com or Pure Tastes, 829 State Street, Lemoyne, 717-724-9648.

Drink Enough Water

By Deb Bixler

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Deb Bixler is a Health & Prosperity Coach. www.FoodSmart.tv

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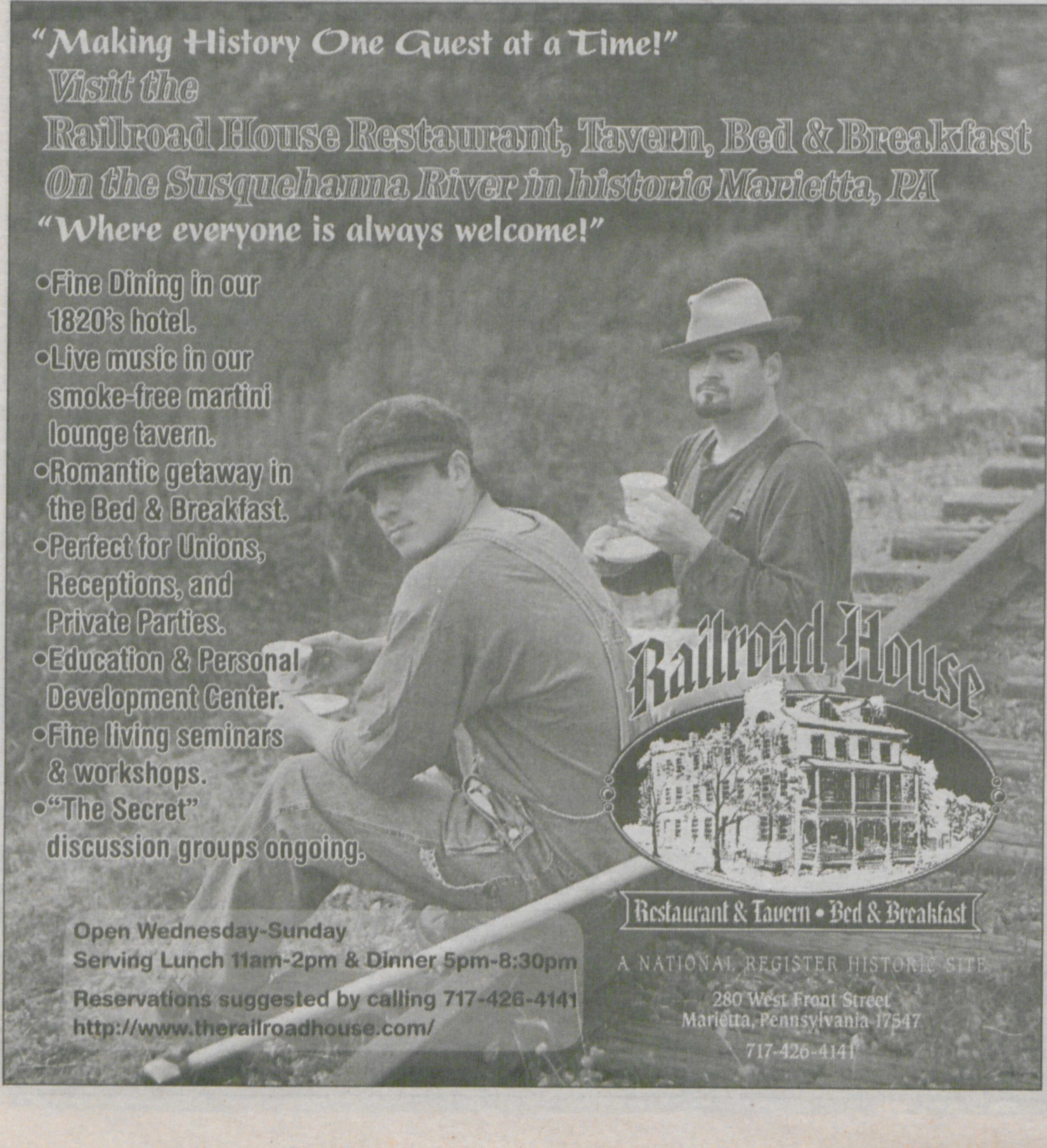

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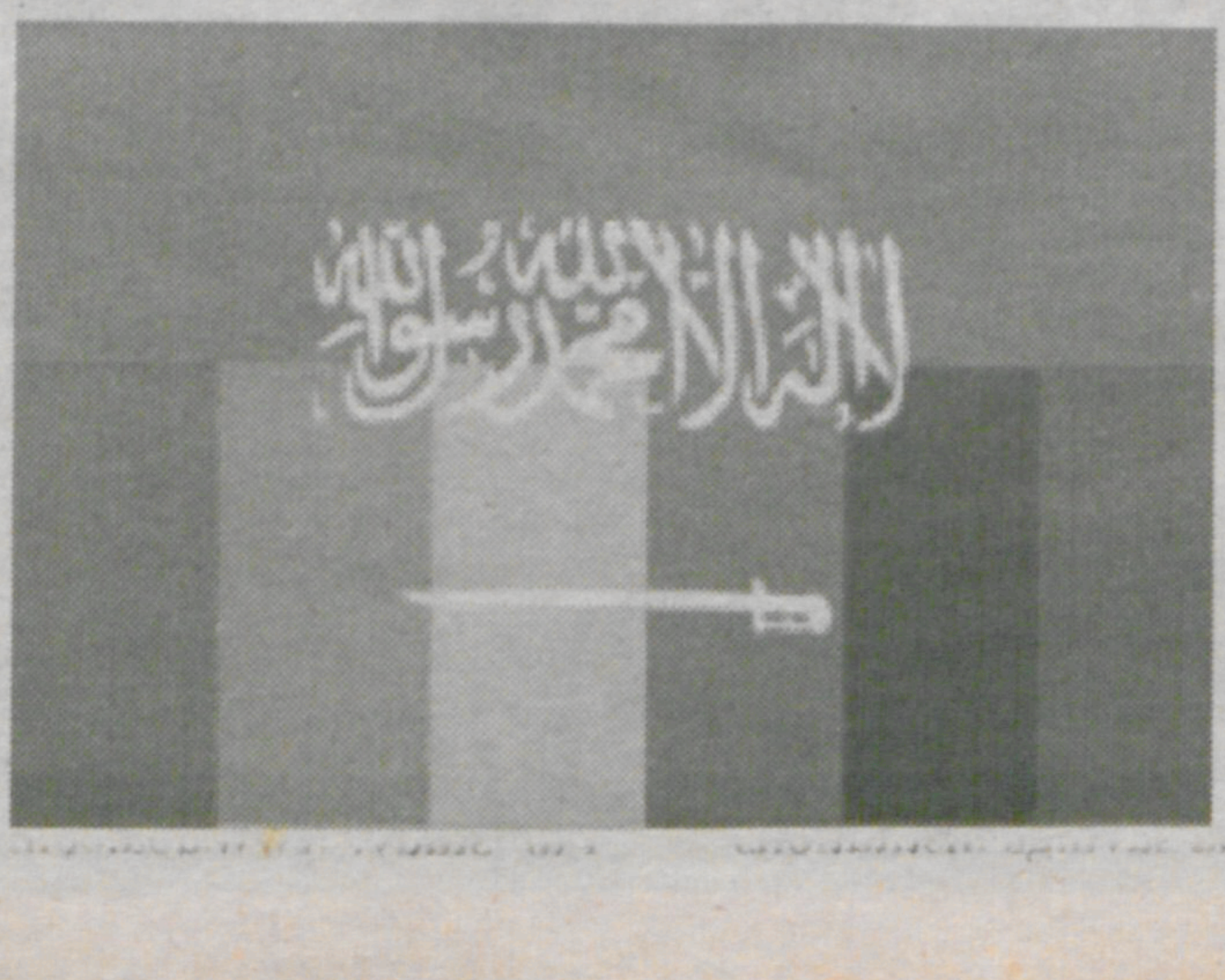
It may come as a surprise, then, that Saudi Arabia - the only country ruled entirely by Islamic law - actually affords queers more freedom than other parts of the Middle East.

According to The Atlantic's Nadya Labi, not only are Saudi sissies largely unregulated, gay sex has long been the norm.

One of the main tenets of severe Islamic law, or Wahhabism, rules that unrelated men and women cannot socialize. The entire country's been divided into gendered regions. Men hang with men and women hang with women. Gay girls and boys, then, can socialize freely without fear of anti-gay recrimination.

Labi writes: ..."The kingdom leaves considerable space for homosexual behavior. As long as gays and lesbians maintain a public front of obeisance to Wahhabist norms, they are left to do what they want in private. Vibrant communities of men who enjoy sex with other men can be found in cosmopolitan cities like Jeddah and Riyadh. They meet in schools, in cafés, in the streets, and on the Internet."



"You can be cruised anywhere in Saudi Arabia, any time of the day," said Radwan, a 42-year-old gay Saudi American who grew up in various Western cities and now lives in Jeddah. "They're quite shameless about it." The shamelessness comes not from gay acceptance, but from a distinct divide between one's acts and one's so-called sexuality.

Biodiesel Firms Form Partnership on Alternative Fuel

Biodiesel producers across Pennsylvania recently formed a new organization raising visibility and strengthen for alternative fuel. Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group (PABPG) is a trade organization formed by companies currently developing and producing biodiesel fuel in the state, including firms from Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New Oxford, and York.

PABPG
Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group

"There is a lot of policy discussion right now about alternative energy, from windmills to ethanol, and from fuel cells to solar," says Ben Wootton, president of Keystone BioFuels of Shiremanstown near Harrisburg, and one of the founding members of the Producers Group.

"Biodiesel is unique because it is proven, practical, and widely used today. It was time for us to form an organization focused on addressing biodiesel's role in the future of Pennsylvania energy policy."

While ethanol receives a great deal of attention because it can replace gasoline in personal automobiles, biodiesel is the "silent silver bullet" in energy policy, Wootton says. For example, ethanol requires that vehicle engines be modified for its use, whereas biodiesel does not. And biodiesel appears in many important applications all around us.

"Biodiesel fuel is used in fire apparatus, public transit buses, hospital emergency generators, construction equipment - pretty much every commercial or industrial engine can use biodiesel," says Charles Cross, president of United BioDiesel in Pittsburgh.

In many areas of the state, communities have been concerned about particulate pollution generated by the diesel engines on tractor-trailer trucks and the impact of diesel exhaust from school buses on children. Both applications are ideal for biodiesel. "Biodiesel can improve the environment, enhance public health, and help Pennsylvania achieve energy independence," adds Race Miner, Founder & Chairman of Keystone BioFuels.

The Producers Group is sending a letter to members of the General Assembly introducing the organization and presenting their public policy platform, which includes support for a Pennsylvania quality standard for biodiesel fuel, and advocacy for a state-supported incentive to make the cost of biodiesel in Pennsylvania more competitive with that in surrounding states.

"The Governor's proposed $850 million Energy Independence Strategy is a powerful package, but it doesn't address the present-day needs of the biodiesel industry," adds Wootton. "The administration's focus is on spurring new research and new capital investment in facilities. Our industry is here today, our plants are built, but we're only operating at 10% of our capacity."

The Producers Group says that government incentives offered by surrounding states such as Ohio to their biodiesel producers make it cheaper for distributors to buy fuel from non-Pennsylvania companies and ship it into Pennsylvania to meet demand. "Distributors are being driven by market forces to go beyond our borders to buy and transport non Pennsylvania biodiesel, because Pennsylvania does not offer a competitive in-state incentive to support our industry," points out Nicholas Kukrika of United Biofuels, York.

As a result, the Producers Group is proposing that the Governor and the General Assembly support creation of an in-state incentive that would match an existing federal incentive program and make biodiesel produced in Pennsylvania more cost-competitive. Wootton explains, "Right now, 80% of biodiesel sold in Pennsylvania is not coming from Pennsylvania producers."

"This also means that Pennsylvania farms are not reaping the benefits of being able to sell their product to in-state biodiesel producers either. By creating the in-state incentive, the Commonwealth will be supporting Pennsylvania farmers, crushing facilities, biodiesel producers, and consumers alike - all at a fraction of the cost."

Information: Ben Wootton, (717) 761-3511 or ben.wootton@keystonebiofuels.com.

Study Disputes Farm Credit System's Claims of Credit Draught

A new study, sponsors claim, debunks arguments by the Farm Credit System that there's a lack of credit available for agriculture and rural America. "Rural Credit Conditions in Pennsylvania" was commissioned by the American Bankers Association and the Pennsylvania Bankers Association to determine whether the credit needs of rural Pennsylvanians – farmers, businesses and home owners that support them – were being met.

"The FCS has used the supposed lack of credit as a red herring in order to become a corporate lender to big business and finance suburban housing," says John Blanchfield, director for the Center for Agricultural and Rural Banking at ABA. "This study shows that competition in rural credit markets is keen and that rural Americans have a wide variety of credit opportunities."

As of December 2006, 139 Pennsylvania-headquartered banks had $1.47 billion in farmland and farm loans. When compared to commercial banks operating in rural Pennsylvania counties, Farm Credit System associations have been significantly more profitable the last five years because they pay few federal and state taxes.

The study, "Rural Credit Conditions in Pennsylvania" by Dr. Jeffrey Stokes and Dr. H. Louis Moore of Pennsylvania State University, focused on the rural counties of Pennsylvania as a microcosm of rural America. Pennsylvania is one of America's top producers of ag commodities and has more than 280 banks and savings institutions serving rural counties. The state is also home to a mix of urban and suburban communities where FCS hopes to expand lending, as outlined in their Horizons project report.

"FCS continues to expand into non-farm lending throughout Pennsylvania," says Michael H. Firestine, chair of PBA's Agricultural & Rural Issues Committee and Senior Vice President at Lebanon Valley Farmers Bank, Lebanon, Pa. "The Horizons project would permanently set the FCS on a path that would take them further away from financing our agricultural producers to financing golf resorts, restaurants and suburban housing."

"Rural Credit Conditions in Pennsylvania" concludes that multiple sources of credit will be required to continue meeting the demand for Pennsylvania agricultural real estate and non-real estate debt capital. Other findings include:

•In 2006, there were 186 commercial banks and 99 savings institutions operating in rural Pennsylvania counties. Rural counties had an average of 37.3 commercial banking offices and 11.1 savings institution offices per county.

•In 2006, rural commercial banks in Pennsylvania held about $78 billion in deposits for an average of about $1.4 billion per rural county.

•Commercial banks will continue to be the dominant farm real estate lender in Pennsylvania, despite the tax advantages enjoyed by FCS.

Full study: www.aba.com

Delaware River Dredging to Create Jobs

State Rep. Bill Keller, Delaware River Maritime Enterprise Council chairman (DRMEC), recently announced that Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell and New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine agreed to dredge the Delaware River from 40 to 45 feet. The dredging project will deepen the main channel of the Delaware River, consisting of approximately 100 miles of waterway, by five feet. The project will be completed in about three years. The deeper channel is needed to allow larger modern ships to access the Port of Philadelphia so it can compete in the growing international trade market. The improvement has the potential, Keller said, "to employ as many as 175,000 people in the next 15 years.

In 2003, the Department of Defense designated the Port of Philadelphia a National Model Strategic Seaport to receive military shipments. Since then, it has handled more than two million square feet of military cargo moving between the U.S. and the war theaters in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, Philadelphia is the number one port in the nation for perishable cargo and the country's second largest petrochemical refining center.

SC Workforce Investment Board Gets Job Training Grants

The South Central Workforce Investment Board recently received four job training grants totaling $835,000. Matching local funds bring the total to nearly $1.7 million. The money will help workers throughout Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lebanon, Perry and York counties. The training is targeted to workers in the fields of advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, building and construction and logistics and transportation.

Property Tax Exemptions Expanded for Disabled Vets

Act 161 of 2006, recently signed into legislation, extends the disabled veteran Real Estate Tax Exemption period from every two years to every five years beginning on January 1, 2009. Under existing Pennsylvania law, property tax exemptions are offered to veterans who demonstrate financial need. Under the new law, applicants can earn up to $75,000 and are presumed to be eligible for the tax exemption. Applicants may be required to provide proof of income to claim the exemption, but the new law will not require the detailed financial information required under the current system.

AFSCME Re-Elects Fillman

Pennsylvania's largest public sector union, Council 13 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), recently elected David Fillman to a second three-year term as Executive Director.

"You are the true heroes of public service," Fillman told a crowd of nearly 1,000 gathered at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. "You get up and go to work every day, not for a huge salary, but for a decent living and decent benefits, and to make a difference in this world, to help people."

Fillman also serves as an International Vice President of AFSCME International, which represents more than 1.4 million public service workers in the US and Puerto Rico.

In addition, Fillman chairs the Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund (PEBTF), which administers benefits for more than 200,000 members including active and retired state employees and their dependents, and he sits on the board of the State Employees Retirement System (SERS).

Also elected was Todd Singer, a Tax Examiner with the Department of Revenue who will serve as President of Council 13's Board. The Board is comprised of 21 officers, vice presidents and trustees who represent more than 65,000 public service workers employed by the state and its counties, townships, boroughs, cities, school districts, and healthcare facilities.

Humane Society Adopts 80 Animals in 36 Hours

The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area (HSHA) found new homes for approximately 80 homeless animals during its recent Adoptathon event. The event spanned 36-hours. The event's discounted adoption fees, including $10 cats and 25% off dogs, and low-cost clinic attracted numerous visitors.

East Shore Shelter
7790 Grayson Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111
(717) 564-3320
Fax: (717) 564-1867

West Shore Shelter
710 Eppley Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(717) 697-8547
Fax: (717) 697-8764

www.humanesocietyhbg.org

The official registration and financial information of the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

The event was held in an effort to encourage the community to visit HSHA and to ease overcrowding in the shelter. Despite lowered adoption fees, the actual adoption process and qualifications remained the same.

"It was truly heartwarming to see so many members of the community visiting the animals in our shelter," says Kelly Hitz, director of public relations and development.

Information: Kelly Hitz, 717.564.3320 extension 110 or kellyh@humanesocietyhbg.org.

GLBT-based Insurance Aiding Wounded Soldiers

So far, more than 600 soldiers have benefited from TSGLI, the new traumatic injury protection through the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. TSGLI is a glbt financial service. Payments have ranged from $25,000 to $100,000 depending on the injury for Soldiers who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. TSGLI provides monetary assistance to Soldiers and their families who have suffered an injury resulting in a traumatic loss (i.e. loss of limbs, sight, hearing, traumatic brain injury, etc.). Additional information on the traumatic injury protection benefit, as well as a listing on qualifying injuries, can be obtained by visiting TSGLI or calling 1-800-237-1336.

Bush Official Resigns Amid Sex Scandal

Randall L. Tobias, formerly President Bush's Global AIDS Coordinator, resigned last week as Director of Foreign Assistance after it was reported that he used an escort service. Tobias was one of the administration's main forces behind abstinence-only prevention and the policy of requiring countries to sign pledges against prostitution in order to receive US AIDS funds. His resignation comes on the heels of scientific reports that students who participated in sexual abstinence programs were just as likely to have sex a few years later as those who did not. Apparently, the same is true for Bush administration officials.

> *The world changes in direct proportion to the number of people willing to be honest about their lives.* —Armistead Maupin

Film Review: *Factory Girl*

by Debra Miller

For Andy, on the 20th anniversary of his death.

After seeing the scathing reviews of the new film on Edie Sedgwick, I expected I'd be writing yet another impassioned defense of Andy Warhol and my close friends from the Factory and the Warhola family, as has become my crusade over the past two decades, since Andy's shocking and untimely death on February 22, 1987. Typical of the vitriol elicited by the movie was Gene Shalit's vicious pronouncement on NBC's Today Show: "If vermin is plural, then Andy Warhol was a verm." Though twenty years deceased, those who never knew Andy or the denizens of the Factory still won't let him rest in peace, still exploit his demonized public image, and still make no attempt to understand the real person or his art. But, unlike its consistently negative and accusatory reviews, I found the minimally fictionalized film biography to be extremely accurate, well researched, and even-handed in its presentation of the lead characters and the facts of Edie's short and troubled life. It was also brilliantly acted by Sienna Miller as Edie and Guy Pearce as Andy, and visually stunning in its recreation of the Factory, the fashions, and the spirit of the Sixties.

The writer, Captain Mauzner, and director, George Hickenlooper, exhaustively pored over the restored Warhol films and the Factory Fotos of Billy Name and Nat Finkelstein (who served as on-set photographer to the present film), to ensure credibility in every detail of their reconstruction of the period and the people. The camera crew even employed some of the same techniques that Andy used in his films, including grainy close-ups and hand-held movie cameras, to recall the aesthetic and experimental aspects of his revolutionary cinematic style (whose impact was seen in Edie's post-Warhol vehicle, Ciao Manhattan!, on which Factory Girl also draws heavily). But far from being merely a visual tour-de-force, the real-life story of Factory Girl is based on readings of, and interviews with, the most reliable sources on the subject: Gerard Malanga, Andy's closest assistant and most serious collaborator at the Factory in the 1960s; and George Plimpton, whose Edie: An American Biography of 1989 (co-authored with Jean Stein), is still the most comprehensive book on Sedgwick. Along with Malanga, Finkelstein, and Plimpton, Warhol associates Brigid Berlin and Sam Green, and Edie's brother Jonathan Sedgwick, all granted interviews, with lifetime licensing rights, to the producers, and Edie's friend Danny Fields and cousin John Sedgwick (author of the forthcoming family biography, In My Blood: Six Generations of Madness and Desire in an American Family), served as advisors to the film. Consequently, Factory Girl offers keen insight into Edie's self-destructiveness by those who knew her best; it is hardly the "shallow and self-important reading" that it has been accused of being (in Andrew Repasky McElhinny's review for Philadelphia Weekly).

While the status quo of the past 40 years has been to blame Andy for Edie's tragic decline and demise (though she was associated with the Factory for only one of her 28 years, and did not die until approximately five years after that association ended), Factory Girl amply examines the real roots of Sedgwick's psychological pathologies—a genetic predisposition to depression and mental illness; a family history of suicide, emotional and sexual abuse, and the elitist delusion, predicated on a seemingly endless supply of wealth and connections (when she still had them), that she could buy anything she wanted, including love and respect. Rightfully, the true villains of the movie are Edie's parents, who doomed her long before she met Warhol; her Cambridge friends Chuck Wein and 'Syd Pepperman' (well-played by Jimmy Fallon and Shawn Hatosy), the Svengalis who instigated many of Edie's temperamental antics and much of the antagonism with her colleagues at the Factory; and "the musician" (an obvious characterization of Bob Dylan, who threatened to sue the filmmakers if they used his name), who finally caused Edie's painful split with Warhol, and then abandoned her without a word to marry his now ex-wife Sarah. The truth about Dylan's arrogant, homophobic, and hostile behavior during his visit to the Factory in July of 1965 is even more damning than depicted in the film (as I previously documented in my 1994 monograph, Billy Name: Stills from the Warhol Films). Upon completing his screen test, and after relentlessly deprecating Warhol and his work, the so-called "prophet of his generation" took as 'payment' for his appearance in the 3-minute reel one of Andy's silk-screened paintings of Elvis Presley, which he later traded to his manager Albert Grossman for a used sofa. It is worth noting that, at present, the painting is worth considerably more than second-hand furniture (calling Dylan's skills of prophecy into question), and that, to date, no lawsuit has been filed by Dylan against the filmmakers--and one is not likely, now that Edie's brother Jonathan has confirmed that the musician did in fact have a devastating affair with his sister, and that she had an abortion as a result of that disastrous, short-lived union.

In addition to such significant omissions, there was also some miscasting in the film. Most notably, Jack Huston, who played Malanga, lacked the intensity, magnetism, good looks, and heavy Bronx accent of the original; Meredith Ostrom, playing Nico, massacred her German accent and did not project the aloof, ethereal beauty of the model and singer; and Tara Summers, as Brigid Berlin, was physically wrong for the role of the sloppy, overweight Brigid Polk, as Berlin was known in the Sixties. However, Sienna Miller, in an emotionally compelling and Oscar-worthy performance, perfectly captured the husky voice, distinctive speech pattern, captivating smile, and haunting look of desperation in Edie's eyes, creating scenes in which it was virtually impossible to distinguish between the two. And Guy Pearce portrayed a frail, sensitive, insightful Warhol, who, because of his own insecurities and fragility, was at a loss for how to deal with self-destructive personalities like Edie (as he posits in the closing scene of the film: "How do you stop somebody . . .?"). Andy's emotional distancing can be seen here as a defense mechanism to cope with the pain and betrayal he felt at Sedgwick's readily manipulated defection from the Factory to the Dylan camp, calling to mind his famous quote (which was unfortunately missing from the film): "I never fall apart because I never fell together."

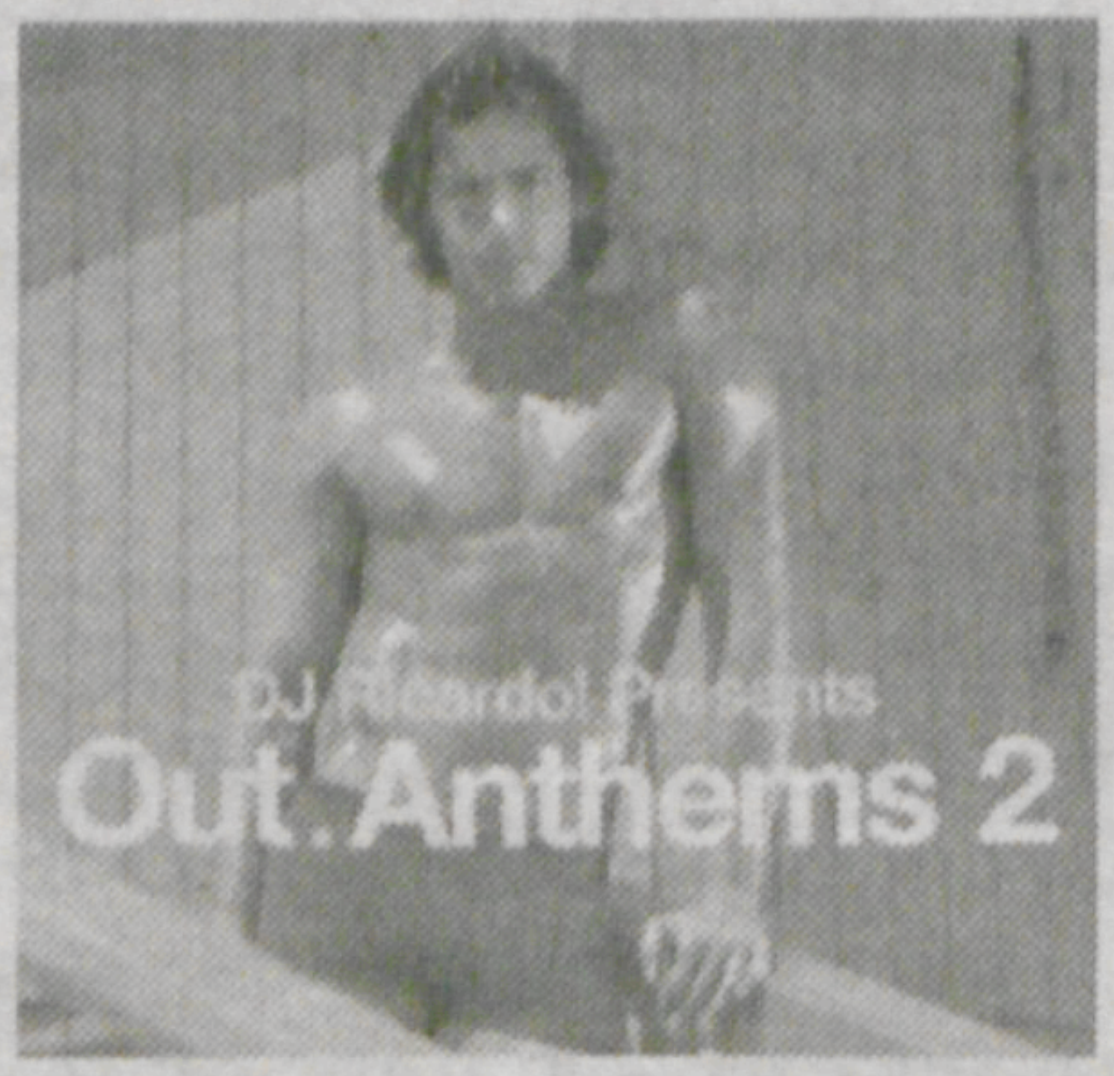
In an equally telling sequence of lucid reflections drawn from actual interviews, Edie says of her time at the Factory, "Those were really the happiest days of my life." They are words that we should take at face value; because, in the film, as in reality, she is unable to place the blame on anyone but herself for her own bad choices, and would soon return to the self-medicating substance abuse that caused her premature death in 1971. Factory Girl is a powerful story that seems to hold endless fascination for the public, and one that plays out all too often among such physically beautiful but emotionally needy celebrities as Edie, as we are seeing once again in the ongoing saga of Anna Nicole Smith. It is a film that is well-crafted, didactic, and still timely, and one that I highly recommend.

Sienna Miller as Edie and **Guy Pearce** as Andy in Factory Girl

Reviewer

Debra Miller received her Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Delaware, with a specialization in Northern and Italian Baroque, Renaissance, and American Art. Her teaching experience is extensive, including undergraduate, graduate, and study abroad courses for the University of Delaware, Bryn Mawr College, and presently, Rutgers University-Camden and Hussian School of Art in Philadelphia. In addition to her classes in European and American Art, Professor Miller also offers topics in Cross-Cultural Art History (Pre-Columbian, Native American, and Polynesian Art).

Former Director of Gallery 911 @ Revsin, 911 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Dr. Miller serves on the Board of Directors of Da Vinci Art Alliance in South Philadelphia. She maintains an active schedule of curating and jurying exhibitions there and at venues throughout the world. Dr. Miller has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Kress Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, including funding for two years of Post-Doctoral research in Venice, Italy. Her many publications include the fully illustrated catalogue, Artists of the Warhol Circle Then and Now (an exhibition she curated, which traveled the world for 7 years), and the first monograph on Factory photographer Billy Name (Billy Name: Stills from the Warhol Films). She covers the Philadelphia arts scene for the bi-monthly arts newspaper Inferno (Millville, NJ), and, in addition to her work in Art History and the Fine Arts, she serves on the fundraising committee for Lantern Theater Company in Philadelphia.



Out Anthem 2

Out Anthems 2, releasing to stoes and on i-Tunes, in time for 2007 Pride season, once again showcases the young and talented DJ Ricardo soinning summer beats. An added value includes hilarious drops by LOGO-TV's Jonny McGovern. The album is packed with 16 of Ultra's hard-pounding records currently rocking gay clubs worldwide.

One Mighty Weekend
DJ ROLAND BELMARES

One Mighty Weekend

One Mighty Weekend has just added a second CD to highlight the 2007 festivities in Orlando. Produced by Johnny Chisholm, the CD includes a number of pool parties and world class dance events on Disney properties. DJ Roland Belmares mixed the songs in LA.

The Landmark Comedy Festival featuring:
Outlaugh!
Outlaugh!
"Some of the funniest LGBTs in the business"
Wolfe

Outlaugh Text

This hilarious, historic concert film showcases the funniest queer stand-up comics and queer sketch groups working in America today. The First Queer Comedy Festival in America, Outlaugh! 2005, hosted by The Gay Mafia comedy troupe, was side-splittingly funny. Enjoy fiery headliner Lea DeLaria, Bob Smith, Page Hurwitz, Karen Ripley, Jason Stuart, Mark Davis, Sabrina Matthews, Andre Kelley, Jerry Calumn, Stephanie Howard, Jen Slusser, Jason Dudey, Roy Cruz, Charlie Vaughn, Bobaloo, Ariana, Bill Cruz, The Gay Mafia, The Nellie Olesons, and Outlaugh Creator Mike Player.

JAMES St. JAMES
Freak Show

You'll remember James St. James book "Disco Bloodbath" ala club king king Michael Alig. Now in jail, Alig fought over drug money with his live-in dealer, Angel Melendez. Freeze, another chemical peddler, shows up and whacks Melendez on the head with a hammer. Then the grotesquerie really begins - Alig and Freeze smother Angel. Then they inject him with Drano and put him in the bathtub. They leave him in their apartment for days, maybe even a week, while they have parties, do Angel's drugs and spend Angel's money. And now we have St. James' "Freak Show."

James St. James at his LA book signing flanked by **Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt.**

Book Review: The Black Angel

Review by James E. Vaughan

John Connolly's "The Black Angel" is sure to please devotees of fast-paced crime thrillers. Readers new to the genre are in for a jolt - a rapid tempo, many-faceted characters, constantly changing venues, and provocative narrative. Once immersed in the complex plot, however, readers will have a hard time putting the book down.

Connolly's detective Charlie Parker appears once more, this time in search of a young girl who has dropped out of sight somewhere within the bowels of the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Alice, the missing young girl, now enslaved by a newly acquired drug habit and her pimp, introduces us to her hellish milieu.

As the story unfolds, there are several interwoven scenes and a veritable mélange of characters, including the Believers, poor souls banished from Heaven to roam the Earth seeking to exact revenge against God for creating a humanity with free will, a fatal flaw as the Believers see it.

Connolly paints vivid word-pictures, some rhapsodic, others grotesquely bizarre and almost unbelievable, yet with an underlying plausibility. There is always the constant threat of death and impending doom. Guns are identified by someone who knows all the names and proper nomenclature emblematic of today's guttersnipe mentality. We feel the filth and relentless avoidance of those things held up by others as the hallmark of common decency.

Despite the seamy side of Charlie Parker's life, his basic goodness is also discernible. Throughout the story we have glimpses of a consummate and abiding faith. Indeed, he wears on his key ring a thousand-year-old Byzantine cross that his grandfather had given him in his youth. In the end we learn that Parker is seeking absolution. And we are not disappointed.

"Coming Out Coming Alive" by Grace Lawson

Coming Out Coming Alive
A Lesbian and Life Coach's Guide to Coming Out And Powerful Living
Grace Lawson

National Coming Out Day is October and author Grace Lawson releases her new book "Coming Out Coming Alive."

Gays are fighting for the right to legally married and legally protected against hate crimes and discrimination. Scientists are looking for the gay gene. Gay themes are frequently seen in major TV shows. There are glbt cable stations, and shows like Queer as Folk, Will & Grace, Noah's Arc, and L-Word.

Openly gay people like Rosie O'Donnell, Melissa Ethridge, and Ellen have successful careers building bridges between gay and straight people. And "The Secret," a new bestselling book by Rhonda Byrnes, describes a new spirituality and way of thinking about God, the universe and ourselves.

So, where are we headed?

Lawson has written a new book "Coming Out Coming Alive" about personal freedom and becoming who you truly are. She is a lesbian and a life coach.

"I went through significant personal transformation which included realizing at age 41 that I was gay, leaving a heterosexual marriage, finding my true love, and moving from a traditional Christian view of God to a much deeper spirituality. My experiences give me a unique perspective on several hot topics including coming out and being gay, spirituality, life transformation and gay gene research.'

She hopes her book will help others to live authentically and achieve their dreams.

"Coming Out Coming Alive" is in stores September 1 in time for National Coming Out Day, October 11. Also available online now at http://comingoutcomingalive.com/COCABook.htm.

Grace Lawson New Book Needs Submissions

Grace Lawson's next project is "Lobster Bisque for the Gay Spirit" (like "Chicken Soup for the Soul" only for glbt readers and friends). She's collecting stories to review for inclusion into the book. Submit your stories to Lawson at grace@gracelawson.com

Social Organizations & Recreational Clubs

Gay & Lesbian Artisan Pride
Phone: (717)732-0233
Contact: Michael Reed
Wheelchair Accessible: No information available
Hours:
Calls and Emails Can be made Days/Evenings
Email: mreeddesigns@yahoo.com

Discuss topics important to today's gay artist, Mentoring and nuturing growth of "Up Coming" and amateur artists, Promote art awareness within our own community, Creating and Coordinating group shows. Please email or call with interest/Questions/Comments.

Harrisburg Gay Men's & Women's Volleyball
3rd and Bridge St
New Cumberland, PA
Phone: 717.233.3172
Contact: Jim
Wheelchair Accessible: No information available
Hours: Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Baughman United Methodist Church, New Cumberland. Cost: $2.50

Harrisburg Ladies Night Out
PO Box 266
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Phone: 717.232.8382
Contact: Judy Chambers
Wheelchair Accessible: No information available

HOWL
Contact: Gina Bowers-Miller
Wheelchair Accessible: No information available
Email: howlofpa@yahoo.com
Website: http://www.homestead.com/howlofpa/index.hmtl

HOWL hanging out with lesbians. Group of 140 women. Other web address http://groups.yahoo.com/group/howlofpa/ to join

Lambda Car Club Int'l Central PA Region
3623 Green Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Phone: 717.238.9766
Contact: John Ball
Wheelchair Accessible: no
Hours: Meet monthly at different members houses, call for
Email: buickbum2@aol.com

Organization of GLBT people who are interested in collectable automobiles

Rainbow Pride Rural Project
2973 Jefferson St.
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-2127
Phone: 717-236-7387
Contact: Kevin E. Burrell
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes
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This project intends to create support for the GLBT community living in rural York, Juniata, Mifflin and Perry Counties. It is funded by the Foundation for Enhancing Communities and housed within Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit located in uptown Harrisburg, Pa.

Students Advocating LGBTA Equality
Shippensburg University Cumberland Union Building
Box 89
Shippensburg, Pa 17265
Phone: 717-477-1616
Contact: Travis Eichelberger
Wheelchair Accessible: No information available
Email: susale@gmail.com
Website: www.ship.edu/~msa/SALE.htm

Susquehanna Club
Wheelchair Accessible: No information available
Email: camp@susq.org
Website: www.susq.org

Group camping open to LGBT people and their friends.

Susquehanna Valley Bears
PO Box 61478 Harrisburg, PA
Contact: John Bowermaster
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes
Email: secretarysvbears@yahoo.com or info@svbears.com
Website: www.svbears.com

The Pennsmen, Inc
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HARRISBURG, PA 17108-0401
Phone: 717-232-3785
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Hours: Evenings
Email: pennsmen@pennsmen.org
Website: www.pennsmen.org

The Pennsmen, Inc are Central PA's glbt leather/levi/kink social organization. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 21 with an interest in the lifestyle. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at the Neptune Lounge @ 3:00pm

The Rainbow Bowling League
Phone: 763-8444
Contact: Mark or Robert
Wheelchair Accessible: No information available
Hours: Thursday 8:45 P.M.

The Rainbow Bowling League bowls every Thursday at 8:55 p.m. We bowl out of the ABC East Lanes on Eisenhower Blvd in Harrisburg and are considered a "mixed" league: in other words, both men and women are welcome. We would like to invite anyone interested in joining or you have friends that are interested in bowling on Thursday evenings. Call for more details. Openings for individual bowlers, teams and substitutes.

Women's Circle
c/o Bobbi Carmitchell
Locust Lane Music, P.O. Box 8301
Lancaster, Pa 17604
Phone: 717.872.4512
Contact: Bobbi Carmitchell
Wheelchair Accessible: No information available
Email: bobbi@womenscircle.org
Website: www.womenscircle.org

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Release Date: July 4 2007

Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox
Directed By: Michael Bay

Based on the popular 1980's television show, this is a movie everyone can enjoy. Transformers takes everyone on an almost real adventure as aliens attempt to make Earth their final battle ground. Sam Witwicky (LaBeouf) takes matters into his own hands though. He and a few others are willing to fight for all they have to save the human race.

The Simpsons

Release Date: July 27 2007

Directed By: David Silverman

Just when you think Homer Simpson has done everything possible, he makes a movie. In this animated comedy about the family everyone loves Homer has to save the world from a catastrophe. But it's not just any catastrophe, it's one that he created.

Rocket Science R

Release Date: August 10 2007

Starring: Reece Thompson, Anna Kendrick, Vincent Piazza, Nicholas Dagosto
Directed By: Jeff Blitz

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Release Date: June 22 2007

Starring: Angelina Jolie, Dan Futterman
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Release Date: July 4 2007

Starring: Robin Williams, Mandy Moore, John Krasinski
Directed By: Ken Kwapis

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